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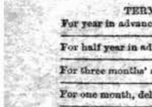
STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.



The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship ARABIA, 1,027 tons, 200 H. P., Commander J. Richmond, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 7th December at noon.

	Dec.		Dec.
Leave Bombay	7	Leave Galle	14
,, Carwar	8	,, Negapatam	17
,, Mangalore	9	,, Madras	20
,, Cananore	10	,, Coconada	22
,, Calicut	10	,, Visagapatam	23
,, Beypore	10	,, Bimlipatam	23
,, Cochin	11	,, Gopalpore	24
,, Tuticorin	13	,, False Point	25
,, Colombo	13	Arrive Calcutta	26

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

The steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Cottiss, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 6th December, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM TO THE MALABAR COAST.

The well known First Class Steamer FROLIC, E. Bate, Commander, will leave for the undernoted Ports, every FRIDAY, starting from the Apollo Bunder at 4 P.M.

Umjnwell,	Malwan,
Rutnagherry,	Vingorla,
Jeytapoor,	Goa, Panjim.

For Freight or Passage apply to NUSSERWANJEE KERSASJEE, Bazaar Gate Street, and for Charter to J. DIXON, Apollo Street.

STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

Fares from Bombay to	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Butchers Island and Oorun.	Colwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	2 0	4 0	2 8	0 8
Second Class	1 0	2 0	1 8	0 4
Third Class	0 8	1 0	0 12	0 4

The Dhurumtur Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M.

The Colwa Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Colwa at 1 P.M.

Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Bombay, 5th November 1867.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE KATTYWAR COAST.

STEAMER GENERAL HAVELOCK, Captain Dawsitt, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 7th instant, at 8 A.M., to CUTCH MANDVEE, calling at VERAVUL, MANGROLE, PORE BUNDER, and DWARKA.

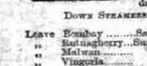
For Freight and Passage apply to

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, Bombay, 2nd December 1869.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers LORD CLYDE, GENERAL HAVELOCK, GENERAL OUTRAM, and TELLY.



ONE of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from the Malabar Coast, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days:—

Down Steamers.		Up Steamers.	
Leave Bombay	Saturday.	Leave Cochin	Friday.
,, Rutnagherry	Sunday.	,, Beypore	Saturday.
,, Malwan	,,	,, Calicut	,,
,, Vingorla	,,	,, Tellicherry	,,
,, Goa	Monday.	,, Cannanore	,,
,, Carwar	,,	,, Mangalore	Sunday.
,, Cumpta	,,	,, Cumpta	Monday.
,, Mangalore	Tuesday.	,, Carwar	,,
,, Cannanore	Wednesday.	,, Goa	Tuesday.
,, Tellicherry	,,	,, Vingorla	,,
,, Calicut	,,	,, Malwan	,,
,, Beypore	,,	,, Rutnagherry	Wednesday
Arrive Cochin	Thursday.	Arrive Bombay	Thursday.

The Steamer LORD CLYDE, Captain Hewett, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY, the 11th instant, at 4 P.M.

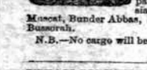
For freight and passage apply to

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 6th December, 1869.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE.

(via SUEZ CANAL.)



LA COMPAGNIE MARCHANDE FRATISSINET PERE et FILS of Marseilles beg to announce, that they are about to establish a DIRECT STEAM SERVICE between BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL, thus dispensing with the necessity of transhipment of Goods and Passengers at Suez and Alexandria.

In accordance with the above the steam ship ASIE, Captain Lapierre, will be despatched from Bombay about the 15th December next, and will be followed, at intervals of five weeks time, by large and powerful steamers specially built for this service.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all transit fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
To Aden	£ 25	£ 15
,, Suez	£ 40 to £ 42-10	£ 25
,, Port Said	£ 42	£ 24
,, Marseilles	£ 56	£ 36

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

KUNKEL, PIERSWERICK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 9th November, 1869.

FOR LONDON.

(To sail early in January 1870, calling at Cannanore if sufficient inducement offer.)

MESSRS. GREEN'S favorite Passenger Ship the WINDSOR CASTLE, Tons 1250, Douglas, Commander. This fine Vessel has excellent accommodation for Passengers and carries an experienced Surgeon. For particulars apply to

RITCHIE, STEUART, & Co.

Bombay, 29th November 1869.

THE CHOWK HOTEL, MATHERAN.

Messrs. Jehangier & Co., the Proprietors of the CHOWK HOTEL, MATHERAN, in thanking Visitors for the very liberal patronage extended to them during the last season, beg to intimate that they have now RE-OPENED the Hotel.

The Chowk Hotel is the highest bungalow on the hill, and is therefore very exposed to the breeze. There is a large Verandah, from which the views are very pleasing, and also an excellent Billiard Table. Attached to the Hotel is a fine range of Bedrooms, and the furnishing and thorough cleanliness maintained will, the Proprietors hope, continue to secure the comfort of Visitors and afford satisfaction. Care is taken to keep on stock a good supply of Wines, Spirits, &c., of the first quality.

Terms as before, Rs. 6 per day.

BYCULLA IRON WORKS.

RICHARDSON AND ROBSON, SUCCESSORS TO Messrs. DIXON AND Co., IRON AND BRASS FOUNDERS, SMITHS, ENGINEERS, AND COMMISSION AGENTS. MANUFACTURERS OF COTTON PRESSES, GIRDERS, BOILERS, PUMPS, TANKS, IRON GATES AND RAILINGS, &c., &c.

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OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, TRIESTE, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, VENICE, NAPLES, LEGHORN, GENOA, BARCELONA, HAVRE, ADEN, AND SUEZ.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, under arrangements with other first class lines of Steamers from Alexandria, undertake to give through Bills of Lading for Goods via Egypt to the above and most other Continental Ports.

A limited number of passengers can be accommodated.

Rates of Fare.

To Suez—1st class £40, 2nd class £25. } Exclusive
To Trieste—1st class £53, 2nd class £34. } of Wines.

Passengers by or for our Steamers will be furnished with First-class Tickets between Alexandria and Marseilles by Messrs. Fraissinet & Co.'s line for £10; making the passage-money between Bombay and Marseilles £50, exclusive of transit in Egypt.

We have arranged our departures from Bombay so as to arrive immediately before the departure of Messrs. Fraissinet's Steamer from Alexandria and avoid delay to passengers. The Marseilles Boats leave Alexandria every Thursday morning.

Steamers will leave Bombay every three weeks.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathbone & Co., Alexandria; Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company, Trieste and Venice; Messrs. Fraissinet Pere et Fils, Marseilles; and Messrs. R. Rubattino and Co., Genoa; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

The Steam-ship MAGDALA, 2,200 Tons, Captain Thomson, will be despatched on 20th December.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.—We have this day established a House at Madras under the same style and title as at Cochin.

ASPINWALL & Co.

Cochin, 17th November 1869.

WE have authorized Mr. GORDON TOMKINS to sign our firm per procuration.

ASPINWALL & Co.

Madras, 17th November 1869.

MR. J. NEUBERG begs to draw the attention of his Constituents and the Public to a very EXTENSIVE STOCK of GOODS he has on hand, and invites an early inspection of the same. They consist of the following articles:—

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS, viz.:—LADIES' WORK BOXES, POCKET BOOKS, WRITING CASES, GLOVE BOXES, &c.

BOHEMIAN GLASS WARE—a tasteful collection of the latest style, such as FLOWER VASES, TABLE ORNAMENTS, JEWEL BOXES, CARD PLATES, FRUIT DISHES, TOILET BOTTLES, &c.

WILLOW BASKETS—a large collection.

TOYS—ENGLISH, GERMAN and FRENCH TOYS; adapted for Presents to Children and Adults for their amusement and instruction; articles for CHRISTMAS TREES, &c.

Mr. N. being desirous of clearing the stock of the above articles as quick as possible, has not only priced them very moderately, but offers a discount of 30 per cent for cash.

ACCORDIONS and CONCERTINAS, a large collection of these Instruments, richly finished and plain. Handsomely bound PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS of the latest style, suitable for Presents.

J. NEUBERG.

PIANOS.

SOLID MAHOGANY, 7 octaves, by SCHIEDMAYER of Stuttgart, made expressly to stand the climate of India, and perfect in tone and finish.

J. NEUBERG.

HARMONIUMS.

Just landed, ex Anasi, a few good solid OAKWOOD HARMONIUMS, 4 stops. These Instruments have been known to stand the CLIMATE of INDIA for the last 18 years.

J. NEUBERG.

A Choice Selection of Ornamental and Plain Gold and Silver PENCIL CASES, suitable for PRESENTS; also a few IVORY PENCIL CASES.

J. NEUBERG.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES, Plain and Carved.

MEERSCHAUM CIGAR HOLDERS, Plain and Carved.

THOS. BEAR'S TOBACCO, in ¼ packets and Tins.

TRICHINOPOLY CHEROOT CASES.

TRICHINOPOLY CHEROOTS.

Nos.	
1	THOMPSON'S Muster.
2	,, ,,
3	,, ,,
1	DAWSON'S ,,

PONDICHERRY CHEROOTS and CIGARS.

BURMAH CHEROOTS.

BASS'S BEER, in Quarts and Pints.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, in Quarts and Pints.

CLARET.

MEDOC VIEUX	in Quarts and Pints.
FAUILLAC	in do. do.
ST. ESTEPHE	in do. do.
MARGAUX	in do.
ST. JULLIEN	in do.

J. NEUBERG.

WANTED, One UNFURNISHED ROOM, at Byculla or Mazagon. Address A. B., Office of this Paper.

TOONGAR HILL HOTEL.—Mr. PHILIP DE SOUZA, the Proprietor of the TOONGAR HILL HOTEL, begs to intimate to the LADIES and GENTLEMEN VISITORS that the above Hotel will be OPENED from the 20th instant. The Bungalow commands a very good view, and has spacious Rooms. His attention to the comfort of the Visitors, and the superior articles that will be supplied to them at moderate charges, the Proprietor expects to merit the patronage of the public.

Toongar Hill Hotel, 6th December 1869.

CHESSON and WOODHALL'S LIBRARY, No. 11, BUMMUM STREET, BOMBAY, AND No. 1, EAST STREET, POONA.

History of the Royal Academy of Arts, by William Sandby, in 2 vols	Rs. 22 8
History of the British Empire in India, by L. J. Trotter, in 3 vols	12 0
History of Scotland, by H. Burton, in 4 vols	42 0
History of the Supernatural, by W. Howitt, in 2 vols	13 8
History of Rome, by T. Monsem, in 2 parts	12 0
History of the Constituent Assembly (1789), by Alphonse de Lamartine	3 0
History of the Middle Ages, by Dr. Leonard Schmitz, F. R. S. E., in 2 vols	5 0
History Byeways, by Sir C. T. L. Wraxall, Bart., in 2 vols.	15 12
Historical Revelations, by Louis Blanc	3 12
History of England, by Sir E.S. Creasy, M. A	8 0
History of Federal Government, by E. A. Freeman	12
History of Greece, by Dr. Leonard Schmitz, in 6 vols	20
History of England, by Lord Macaulay	3 12
History of Scotland, by P. F. Tytler	3 8
History of Europe, by Sir A. Alison, Bart	3 12
History of Frederick the Great, by T. Carlyle, in 2 vols	12 12
History of England, by Lord Mahon, in 6 vols	22 8
,, Do. by Mrs. Markham	4 8
History of England, by W. Massey, in 4 vols	18 0
Historic Nimepins—A Book of Curiosities	4 8
History of Chemical Theory, by Ad. Wurtz	3 12
Historic Account of the Crimea, by W. B. Barker	2 10
History of the Nineteenth Century, by W. F. Collier	1 2
Scenes from English History	3 12
Ballads from Scottish History, by N. Clyne	4 8
Historical Biographies	3 12
History of Scotland, by J. Mackenzie	5 12
History of England, by Dr. Collier	5 12
History of England, by Rev. R. Hunter	2 8
History of the Commonwealth of Florence, by A. Trollope, in 8 vols	22 8
History of England, by J. L. Craik and Charles Macfarlane, in 8 vols	80 0
History of the American War, by Lieut.-Col. Fletcher	13 8

CHESSON & WOODHALL.

Bombay, 3rd December 1869.

CHESSON and WOODHALL'S LIBRARY. No. 11, BUMMUM STREET, BOMBAY, AND No. 1, EAST STREET, POONA.

NEW BOOKS AND MUSIC EXPECTED BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

Favourite Fables, Illustrated by H. Weir	Rs. 3 12
Nelly Brooke: a novel	1 4
Aunt Friendly's Nursery Keepsake	2 4
Mayhew's The Magic of Kindness	2 4
Aunt Louisa's Nursery Favourites	3 2
Ditto London Toy Books	0 10
Picture Natural History	3 2
Ingram's Flora Symbolica	4 12
Renwick's Medical Diagnosis	3 8
Breakespeare: a Novel	1 4
Manly Games for Boys. By Crawley	3 12
The Perpetual Curate: a Novel	1 4
Hooker's Pharmacopœia. By Barber	2 0
Odling's Outlines of Chemistry	4 12
Chappell's Magazine, Christmas number	0 12
Tan Almanac of 1870	0 4
History of Gibraltar, with Illustrations	13 4
Miss Braddon's Dead Sea Fruit	1 4
Brenda Langton	3 12
Say and Seal	4 12
Prescott's Strong Drink and Tobacco Smoke	1 4
Oliver's First Book of Indian Botany	4 12
Army List for November	1 4
Bradshaw's Continental Guide for November	1 4
Le Follet for November	1 0
London and Paris Fashions, ditto	1 0
Chappell's Violin Instructor	1 0
Hymns, Ancient and Modern, with Music and Appendix	1 4
Ditto Ditto and appendix	0 8
Ditto Ditto ,,	0 4
Lady's Mile	1 4
Clarissa Harlowe	1 0
Brenan's Life of Jesus	1 0
Churchill's Midwifery	8 0
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	3 12
Webster's Enlarged Dictionary, illustrated	20 0

NEW SONGS AND MUSIC.

Song—Maggie's Secret	2 8
,, Maggie's Welcome	2 0
,, Sunbeam	1 4
,, A Bridal Song	1 8
,, A Year Ago	1 0
,, My Fairy Lute	1 0
,, Curfew	1 0
,, Heart Flowers	1 0
,, Gabrielle	1 0
,, Happy Days and Nights	1 0
,, The Poor little Fatherless Child	1 0
,, The Drum Major	1 0
,, Once more Good Night	1 0
,, Bucolina	1 0
,, Wrong not, sweet Mistress	1 8
,, She walked beside Me	1 0
Waltz—Dew of Juan	2 0
Galop—Holborn Viadact	1 8

JUST RECEIVED FROM MADRAS.

Mayne's Commentaries on the Penal Code (new edn.)	
The Griffin's A. D. C.	12 0

CHESSON & WOODHALL.

Bombay, 4th December 1869.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL, GRANT ROAD.

DAVE CARSON'S MINSTREL AND DRAMATIC TROUPE, EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & SATURDAY.

TICKETS to be had at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co.'s.

Mr. DAVE CARSON Has much pleasure in informing the Public that the above Night is specially set aside as the

FIRST DRAMATIC NIGHT OF THE SEASON, When will be produced Dion Boucicault's SENSATIONAL DRAMA OF THE COLLEEN BAWN; OR, THE BRIDES OF GARRYOWEN. Founded on Gerald Griffin's Irish Story, "The Collegians."

MRS. H. RICHARDSON AS ANN CHUTE.

MISS FANNY WISEMAN AS EILY O'CONNOR.

MR. W. SOUTH AS DANNY MAN.

MR. E. D. HAYGARTH AS MILES NA COPPALEEN.

The Performance to conclude (for the second time) with the CAPTAIN'S NOT A-MISS.

ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 1869, GRAND MINSTREL NIGHT, WITH AN ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

N.B.—The use of Tobacco or Pán is strictly prohibited; plenty of room outside.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.—The RIGHT to SELL FOREIGN LIQUORS in the FAIR at MHYJEE will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Office of the Second Assistant Magistrate at Julgaum, on the 20th December 1869.

H. R. ASHBURNER, Collector and Magistrate of Khandeish.

Office of the Collector and Magistrate of Khandeish, Camp Julgaum, 1st December 1869.

TO the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY of BOMBAY.—I hereby give NOTICE, that an ADJOURNED SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay will be held in the Darbar Room, Town Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of December 1869, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, precisely, to consider the following (not unlapsed at the Meeting held on Wednesday the 24th November last, viz:—the Budget of the Municipal Commissioner for 1870, and the Report of the Finance Committee thereon.

C. E. STANGER LEATHES, Clerk to the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay.

Bombay, Town Hall, 2nd December 1869.

NOTICE.—THE ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY having SUSPENDED PAYMENT in accordance with a Telegram received from Head Office, London, PREMIA payable at this Branch will still CONTINUE to be RECEIVED by the undersigned, on behalf of the Provisional Liquidator authorized by the Court of Chancery to receive the same, but such Premia will be returned on 1st January 1870 should re-construction or arrangements with another Company be not carried out.

By order of Directors, D. McL. SLATER, Secretary, For Provisional Liquidator.

Bombay, 19th August, 1869.

NERBUDDA COAL and IRON COMPANY (Limited.)

Subscribed Capital Rs. 25,00,000 (£250,000).

Head Offices, 35A Moorgate Street, London, E.C.

MINES and WORKS at Chota Jubbulpore, Central Provinces.

Contingent upon the approaching completion of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway from Jubbulpore to within a short distance of the Collieries, the undersigned is prepared to enter into CONTRACTS for the SUPPLY of STEAM, HOUSE, or RUBBLE COAL, of a superior quality, any quantities up to and at the rate of 150,000 maunds per mensem.

By order, N. WOLLASTON, Acting Manager, N. C. & I. Company, Limited.

BOMBAY OMNIBUS and GENERAL CONVEYANCE Co., No. 141, KHETWADDY ROAD.

Light and comfortable BROUGHAMS, SHIGRAMS, SOCIABLES, RANSOMS, BUGGIES, DOG-CARTS, &c., with or without Horses, CAN BE HIRED at short notice, and at moderate charges.

(See Card Opposite.)

Carriages built or repaired on the premises, under the superintendence of Mr. Burdett.

The Farriery is under the supervision of a person of skill and experience.

Horses requiring treatment, or otherwise, received into the Company's Livery Stables, and every attention paid to the animals; as also Horses on Commission Sale.

Carriages and Horses bought, sold, and exchanged.

Office in the Fort, 2 No 49, Meadow Street, next to the "Bombay Gazette" office.

THE FRERE LAND AND PIER COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Clause 54 of the Articles of Association of the abovementioned Company, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 1, Church Street, Fort, Bombay, on SATURDAY, the Eleventh day of December 1869, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, to determine the amount of compensation to be paid to Muncherjee Nowrojee Banajee, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, in consideration of his valuable services, on his retirement from the offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the Company.

NOTICE is also given, that immediately afterwards, at the same place, the following Special Resolutions, pursuant to a Requisition signed by more than twenty Shareholders, holding in the aggregate more than one-fourth of the Shares in the Company, will be proposed:—

That Clause 100 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled.

If the above Resolution should be passed, then for the purpose of proposing Resolutions to the following effect in substitution thereof:—

That the partners for the time being of the firm of Messrs Sir Charles Forbes & Co. be, and they hereby are, appointed Secretaries of the Company, and the Bombay Agency, and as such Secretaries and Treasurers they shall have the general management of the business of the Company, subject to the control of, and under the direction of, the Board of Directors of the Company.

And to fix the remuneration of the Secretaries and Treasurers by order of the Board of Directors.

MUNCHERJEE NOWROJEE BANAJEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

1st December 1869.

BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY BYCULLA SCHOOLS.—The undersigned invites TENDERS for the supply of the following Articles, for one year, commencing 1st January 1870:—

2	Beef, Mutton, Bread, Flour, Rolong, Tea, Sugar, Oil,
2	Firewood, Vegetables of sorts, Milk, Country Shoes, Plates,
2	Mugs, Baxins, Spoons, Brooms, and many other articles in
2	use, concerning which full information will be furnished upon application.

Forms of Tenders and Schedules can be obtained by intending Contractors upon application at this Office.

The Committee does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender, and no reason will be given for the rejection of any Tender.

Tenders will be received up to the 20th instant.

W. F. WALSHE, Secretary Bombay Education Society.

Secretary's Office, Byculla, 1st December 1869.

NOTICE.—TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, in H. M.'s Dockyard, on FRIDAY the 10th December 1869, H. M.'s Steamer COROMANDEL, of 1221 tons, and 250 Horse Power, as she stands on the day of sale.

Terms of Sale.—The sale of the Vessel will not be considered final until the acceptance of the offer is sanctioned by Government. A Deposit of 10 per cent. is to be immediately paid down at the time of sale, and good Security given by the Purchasers for the payment of the remainder, which must be paid within eight days after the acceptance of the offer by Government, or the Deposit will be forfeited, and sold for the benefit of the State.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. H. CROCKETT, Lieut., late I. N., Acting Marine Storekeeper.

Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 29th November 1869.

NOTICE.—SEALED TENDERS are invited for ERECTING the IRON WORK in the interior of the VICTORIA and ALBERT MUSEUM, to be delivered on or before noon of the 13th instant.

All particulars can be learnt on application at the office of the Architectural Executive Engineer and Surveyor, where the plans and conditions of Contract can also be seen.

A deposit of One Thousand Rupees will be required on tendering, to be forfeited in the event of evasion or delay in signing the requisite Deed of Contract, and a further deposit of 8 per cent. from the Contractor, whose tender may be accepted, will be deducted from every payment.

The Architectural Executive Engineer and Surveyor does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender, and no reason will be assigned for the rejection of any or all of the Tenders.

A. A. FULLER, Lieut.-Col., R. E., Architectural Executive Engineer and Surveyor.

Bombay, 1st December 1869.

SEALED TENDERS for the PURCHASE of H. M. STEAM TUG B.

Length between perpendiculars	133	Feet.
Breadth Extreme	19	,, 3 In.
Do. Paddle-boxes	33	,, 5 ,,
Depth in Hold	11	,, 4 ,,

of 256[illegible] Tons Builders' Measurement, built amidships with corrugated Iron, and fore and aft with plain plate; Engines, High Pressure, of 60 Horse Power; Boilers, Tubular Iron, High Pressure—will be received by the Superintendent of Marine up to 1 P.M. on WEDNESDAY next the 8th instant, the amount offered for the above Vessel being subject to the approval of Government.

The Tug B. is at present in Bombay Harbour and open to inspection, any day (Sundays excepted), between the hours of 10 A.M. and 5 P.M.

The Superintendent of Marine does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

The Covers of Tenders to be superscribed "Tender for the purchase of Tug B."

Any further information in regard to the above Vessel can be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent of Marine.

By order of the Superintendent of Marine, A. J. KINLOCH & NOEL, Secretary.

Superintendent's Office Bombay, 1st December 1869.

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2nd. That our Wines and Spirits are procurable from every respectable General Shopkeeper in Bombay and at Out-stations; they, however, fix their own selling prices for them.

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(Our own Brand and Shipping.)

	Qts. per doz.	Pts. per doz.
A 1—Chateau Lafite or Mouton, Gold Capsule, Labelled & Branded	Rs. 30	Rs. 16
Chateau Haubrion, Black capsule,	,, 25	,, 14
Chateau Lecville, Blue capsule,	,, 22	,, 12
Chateau Palmer, Blue capsule,	,, 22	,, 12
Chateau Larose, Yellow capsule,	,, 18	,, 10
St. Julien, Green capsule,	,, 17	,, 10
Medoc, Red capsule	,, 15	,, 9
Medoc, White capsule,	,, 13	
Sauterne, Red capsule,	,, 22	,, 12

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Chambertin, Labelled and Branded	Rs. 32 Rs. 17
Nuits, ditto	,, 26
Macon, ditto	,, 21
Chablis, ditto	,, 22

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The finest DRY CHAMPAGNES that can be shipped.

(Our own Brand and Shipping.)

Magnums, Finest Dry	Labelled	Rs. 74	
Finest Dry Sparkling, Gold Foil	,,	,, 36	Rs. 19
Fine Sparkling, Silver Foil	,,	,, 32	,, 17
Good Sparkling, for Ball purposes } Silver Foil	,,	,, 27	,, 14

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(Our own Brand and Shipping.)

Nonpareil Sparkling Hock and Moselle, Gold foil, Labelled and Branded	Rs. 36	Rs. 19
Sparkling Hock and Muscatel Moselle, Silver foil	,, 32	,, 17
Moselle, Still, Marcobrunner	,, 34	,,
,, ,, Braunberger	,, 25	,,
Hock, ,, Johannisberger	,, 42	,, 17
,, ,, Forster Feminer	,, 34	,,
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,, ,, Hochheimer	,, 23	,, 12

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Amontillado, very choice and superior	Rs. 32
Amoroso, very choice, full flavored, soft, pale	,, 28
Sherry, Green seal, full bodied, light gold colour, nutty and dry	,, 22
do. Blue seal, very pale and dry and delicate	,, 22
do. Brown seal, pale dry and delicate	,, 22
do. Yellow seal, pale and dry, an excellent Dinner Wine	,, 18
do. White seal, ordinary Dinner Wine	,, 15
Marsala, Virgin Pale	,, 24
Madeira, East India (one voyage) very choice	,, 33

PORTS.

(Our own Brand.)

A 1.—Old Crueted, choice	Rs. 36
A 1 Gold seal, an Invalid's Wine, full & fruity	,, 30
Black seal, a Dessert Wine—mature	,, 24
Red seal—a good quality Wine	,, 18

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Cognac, superior, very Old Pale Black capsule	Rs. 32	
Cognac, superior, Old Pale Yellow capsule	,, 28	
Cognac, Pale, White capsule	,, 24	
Rum, Superior Old Jamaica, 1st quality Do.	,, 22	
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,, Scotch... Do.	,, 21	
Geneva, in flasks (1 dozen in a case) Do.	,,

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET steady without any material change.

CALCUTTA COMMERCIAL.

(FROM TOULMIN AND CO.'S WEEKLY CIRCULAR, NOV. 30.)

AFTER three months' irksome suspense and anxiety, arising from the irregular and tardy receipt of home news, it is satisfactory to note an improvement in the telegraphic communication with Europe:—messages, dated London 22nd instant, were delivered in town yesterday.

Public Sales of Indigo and Tea have given the market an appearance of activity, but in reality export operations are not large, and indeed cannot be, because of the positive scarceness of Pre Inss generally. Jute alone excepted, and even this article is already showing signs of a smaller supply.

EXCHANGE ON LONDON.—No alteration has taken place in the rates during the week, hence quotations remain as given last mail, viz:—

Bank Bills, 1s. 11⅛d.—First Class Credits. 1s. 11 15/16.—Documentary Bills, 2s. 0 1/16d.

FREIGHTS.—To Great Britain have sustained a further fall of 2s. 6d., showing a decline for the fortnight of 7s. 6d. per ton, and even at this reduction in the rates the demand for tonnage is very dull; indeed, it cannot well be otherwise, for, excepting Jute, all the other standard staples of export are in most unusual short supply, in fact it is a question if the stocks of produce in Calcutta were ever before so small as they are to-day; why, it is matter for surprise how ships manage to get loaded up, and unless the Rice Ports take off a large quantity of tonnage from this market, there is no hope of any improvement in the freight market here for 2 or 3 months to come, most likely matters will be worse before they are better; since there can be no fresh supplies of produce until the cold season crops come to market in February and March next; true, new Rice and new Cotton will be available in January, but the quantity won't be large, and by that time Jute shipments won't be so heavy as they are now. The unfixed tonnage in Port has slightly declined during the week, viz., from 22 to 20,000 tons.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 4.

Gellie, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, on duty from Camp Cawnpore.
Baugh, Lieutenant Colonel, Commandent H. M. 9th Regiment, on sick leave, from Poona.
Hemming, Cornet, 4th Hussars, on medical certificate, from Meerut.
Davidson, Major, Bengal Staff Corps, returned from furlough, from England.
Bray, Brevet Lieutenant Col., 86th Regiment, on leave, from England.
Reilly, Lieutenant Colonel, Royal Artillery, visit to the Governor General from England
DeBourbel, Captain, Bengal Engineers, on leave, from England.
Robson, Captain, 22nd Regiment N. I., on leave, from England.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 4.

Brehow, Lieutenant 11th Regiment, on duty to Morar,
Stanley, Colonel, Infantry, on duty to Deolalee.
Boyd, Major, 11th Regiment, to join the Nuseerabad.
Brown, Major, Brigade Staff, to join, to Ferozpoor.
Gaye, Colonel, Royal Horse Artillery, to join, to Kirkee.
Duck, Veterinary Surgeon, Royal Horse Artillery, to join, to Kirkee.
Blundell, Major, 3rd Hussars, to join, to Ahmednugger.
Bain, Surgeon Medical Service, on sick leave, to the Cape.
Bray, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel, 86th Regiment, on leave, to Calcutta.
Davidson, Major, Bengal Staff Corps, on duty, to Cawnpore.
Reilly, Lieutenant Colonel, Royal Artillery, on leave, to Calcutta.

ARMY GENERAL ORDERS.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Poona, 29th November, 1869.

The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to make the following appointment:—

3rd Regiment N I—Major I F Chapman, Staff Corps, to officiate as Wing Officer, vice Captain Strutt, proceeded on furlough to Europe.

Staff Assistant Surgeon Robertson, M B, is directed to proceed to Khundwa, and assume medical charge of a Detachment of the 2nd Battalion 1st Foot, to Jhansi, and return to Bombay on completion of the duty.

Staff Assistant Surgeon J H Hunter, at present attached to the 82nd Foot, is transferred to the Poona Division for General duty.

With reference to G G O No. 789, Brigadier General Adams will command the Belgaum District.

Poona, 27th November, 1869.

The following orders are confirmed:—

2nd Regiment N I—Regimental Order, dated 23rd November 1869, directing Major Sheppard, Second in Command, to officiate as Commandant, and Captain Boyd Officiating Wing Office, as Second in Command, in addition to his own duties in succession to Colonel MacLeod, gone on sick leave on 22nd November to Mahableshwar.

28th Regiment N I—Regimental Order, dated 11th November 1869, directing Lieutenant and Adjutant Heath to perform the duties of Quarter Master in addition to his own, vice Lieutenant Hay proceeded on medical certificate.

The undermentioned Officers have obtained leave of absence, subject to confirmation by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India:—

27th Brigade R A.—Captain A H Dawson, from date of embarkation, to England, Overland, to appear before a Medical Board.

1st Battalion 11th Foot.—Assistant Surgeon G W Barroll, from the date of embarkation to proceed to England by the Overland Route, for the purpose of appearing before a Medical Board.

These Officers are not duly with Troops, and will, on arrival, report themselves to the Adjutant General Horse Guards.

The undermentioned officers have obtained leave of absence:—

18th Brigade Royal Artillery.—Lieut. W F Blandy, for 30 days from the date of departure preparatory to furlough to Europe, on private affairs.

Staff Corps.—Captain F W Jones (attached to 20th N I) for 30 days from the date of departure to proceed to Domus, on Medical Certificate.

2nd Grenadiers N I.—Colonel W E McLeod, from 22nd November to 21st December 1869, to remain at Mahableshwar on Medical Certificate.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters, Poona, 3rd Dec. 1869.

The undermentioned officers returned to duty by permission of the Secretary of State for India on the 27th November 1869:—

Major R Wallace, Staff Corps, Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey S M Country.

Major M Boyd, Staff Corps, Wing Officer 11th N I.

The undermentioned, men employed in the Ordnance Department, will revert to regimental duty, with effect from the 1st instant:—

Acting Magazine Sergeants Thomas Moars and Charles Brown, 6th Brigade Royal Artillery.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Head Quarters, Kangra, 18th November 1869.

The Commander-in-Chief in India accepts the retirement from the service, by the sale of their commissions, of—

Ensign G D H Brookes, of the 1st Battalion 5th Foot, and Lieutenant W F C Wigston, 3rd Battalion 60th Rifles, subject to approval by Her Majesty. Dated 12th November 1869.

Colonel J. Liptrott, Bengal Infantry, is with the sanction of Government, permitted to reside and draw his pay in this Presidency.

Lieutenant E. C. B. Rawlinson, General List, Cavalry, recently returned from sick furlough to Europe, is posted to the 3rd Bengal Cavalry at Jhelum, for duty.

Under instructions from the Horse Guards, the names of the undermentioned Officers are to be added to the list of Officers detailed for duty at the depots of their Regiments, published in G. O. C. C. dated 4th October 1869:—

16th Foot.—Lieutenant J. E. Baines.
109th Foot.—Captain J. E. A. Mackintosh.
103th Foot.—Captain C. H. P Ducat.
109th Foot.—Lieutenant D. W. Mackinnon.

Official notification has been received of the undermentioned Officers having, on their recent promotion, been posted to the battalion of their regiment specified:—

11th Foot.—Lieut. C. M. Keighley, 1st Battalion,
11th Foot.—Lieut. R. Thompson, 1st Battalion.

The undermentioned candidates are reported to have passed the Lower Standard in Hindoostanee, on the 1st instant:—

Lieut. R. R. Pulford, Royal Engineers.
Lieut. M. Armstrong, 20th Hussars.
Lieut. L. Kavanagh, 20th Hussars.
Ensign H. J. W. Ford, 1st Bn. 7th Foot.
Ensign A. M'L. Mills, 2nd Bn. 25th Foot.
Lieut. C. R. Howard, 2nd Bn. 60th Foot.
Asst. Surg. W. Curran, 88th Foot.
Lieut. T. G. Hood, 93rd Foot.
Ensign G. H. Elliott, 93rd Foot.
Ensign J. R. Dick, 103rd Foot.
Lieut. H. A. B. Moorhouse, 106th Foot.
Ensign G. R. Pooley, 106th Foot.
Ensign H. St. P. Maxwell, 106th Foot.
Asst. Surgeon E. B. Johnson, In. Med. Service.

Captain J. Hopkins, Unattached List, is transferred from the 36th to the 17th Native Infantry, for duty, with effect from date of expiration of his present leave.

The name of Staff Assistant Surgeon C. Smith is expunged from the list of Medical Officers appointed in G. O. C. C. 29th ultimo, to do duty with troops proceeding home during the present cold season.

Presidency Division order, dated the 25th August last, directing Staff Assistant Surgeon T. Lewis, M. B., to proceed to Allahabad on duty, is, with the sanction of Government, confirmed.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.

(*Government Gazette, N W Provinces*, Dec. 1.)

Consequent on the return from furlough of Major Hallett, District Superintendent of Police, Aligurh, and Captain Ollivant, District Superintendent of Police, Agra, the Hon'ble the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to make the following appointments:—

Mr. S. Smith, District Superintendent of Mynpoorie, an officiating at Agra, is confirmed as District Superintendent of Agra.

Mr. D. McArthy is appointed to be District Superintendent of Mynpoorie.

Mr. R.C. McMullin, Officiating Assistant District Superintendent, is transferred from Allahabad to Benares.

Lieutenant T. Hyves is confirmed as District Superintendent of Shahjehanpore.

Lieutenant R. J. Young is confirmed as District Superintendent of Futtehpore.

Captain T. Dunsterville is appointed District Superintendent of Moradabad, but will continue to officiate as Deputy Inspector-General till further orders.

Captain A. Ollivant is appointed District Superintendent of Etah, but will officiate as District Superintendent of Moradabad.

Captain Cantor, District Superintendent of Jhansie, is appointed to Jounpore, but will officiate at Mirzapore.

Captain Noble is appointed to be District Superintendent at Jhansie.

Mr. W. J. Britt is appointed to officiate as Assistant District Superintendent of Police, and is posted to Chunar.

Mr. William Irvine, Officiating Joint Magistrate of the 2nd Grade, will revert to his substantive appointment of Assistant Magistrate and Collector, with effect from 11th November.

Mr. William Blunt, Joint Magistrate and Deputy Collector of the 1st Grade, is posted to Bareilly.

Mr Percy Wigram is appointed to officiate as Magistrate and Collector of Bustee.

Mr. Edward George Jenkinson is appointed to officiate as Magistrate and Collector of Mirzapore.

Mr. William Dutboit, Officiating Magistrate and Collector, Mirzapore, will revert to his appointment of Deputy Superintendent Family Domains of the Rajah of Benares, from the date on which he is relieved by Mr. Jenkinson.

Mr. Robert James Leeds, Officiating Superintendent Family Domains of the Rajah of Benares, will revert to his officiating apointment of Joint Magistrate and Deputy Collector of the 1st grade, from the date on which he is relieved by Mr. Duthoit.

The following officers are posted to the Rajpootana State Railway for employment in the Agra District:—

Mr. P. K. Hyndman, Executive Engineer, 4th Grade.
Mr. D. Noyes, Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade.

Leave of absence on medical certificate for six months is granted to Mr. George Rogers, Accountant 3rd Grade, attached to the Thomason College, Roorkee.

Mr John Barron, Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, attached to the 2nd Allahabad Division, Public Works, is transferred to the Delhi District of the Rajpootana Railway.

Mr. Talbot Hamilton, Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, reported his arrival at Allahabad on the 27th Nov. and is appointed Assistant Secretary to this Government in the Public Works Department, and Assistant to Chief Engineer, North-Western Provinces.

The following transfers and postings are made in the Buildings and Roads Branch of P W. Department:—

Major Henry Edward Whish, Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, from the Benares to the 2nd Allahabad Division.

Mr. William Weldon Clarke, Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade from the 4th Division, Grand Trunk Road, to the Benares Division.

Mr. Michael A. Kelly, Assistant Engineer 1st Grade, to officiate as Executive Engineer, 4th Division, Grand Trunk Road.

Mr. W. Good, Assistant Engineer of the 3rd Grade, is posted to the Irrigation Branch.

Subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, Lieutenant T. Howard, R.E., Executive Engineer, 4th Grade, attached to the Eastern Jumna Canal, is appointed temporary Executive Engineer on the Agra Canal, for the designing and laying out of Rajbuhas.

Mr. W. F. Male, Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, is posted to the Eastern Jumna Canal, vice Lieutenant Howard.

One month's leave, preparatory to furlough, is granted to Lieutenant Arthur Herbert Baggs, R.E., Executive Engineer, from the date of his being relieved of the charge of the Bundelkund Irrigation Survey.

Subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, Lieutenant F. V. Corbett, R.E., Officiating Executive Engineer, 1st Division, Eastern Ganges Canal, is appointed to the charge of Surveys for Canals from the Sardah River, in one Bilheri and Nanuckmutta Pergunnahs.

Mr. Roberts will resume charge of the 1st Division, Eastern Ganges Canal from Lieutenant Corbett.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—4TH DECEMBER.

London	Cotton	£2 5s. 0d.	Nom.p.ton
	Cases	£2 0s. 0d. to £2 5s. 0d.	"
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d.	"
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 5s. 0d. to £1 7s. 6d.	"
	Wooden Ships "	£1 5s. 0d.	
	Myrabolns & Coir bills	£0 10s. 0d. to £0 12s. 6d.	
	Cotton	£2 0s. 0d. Nominal.	
Havre	Coffee	Nominal	
Overland	Steamers	£3 0s. 0d.	
	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 3 to 4 per bale.	
China "	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 Per chest.	
	Sailing Ships	Nominal	
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 3 0 0 to 4 0 0 per ton.	
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 13 to 14 and Calcutta Port Charges	
Mauritius		8 annas per bag nominal.	

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
4	M. S. Elphinstone (s)	Dupuy	Goa, December 2.
	Golconda (s)	Coleman	Suez, Nov. 22.
5	H M. S. Lord Elp.-instone (s)	Carpendale	Beyrore.
	Sir J. R. Carnac (s).	Guizelar	Malabar Coast.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
4	Columbian (s)	Hyde	Aden and Suez.
5	Sir Bartle Frere (s)	Thompson	Aden and Hoodoods.
	General Outram (s)	Teasdale	Malabar Coast.
	Alliance	Falck	Rangoon.
	Isabella Hercus	Fellan	London.

The steamer M. S. Elphinstone, to Coast and Goa, began to load on Saturday last.

BENGAL.

The Telegraph of November 29th has the following:—

DEPARTURES—Steamer T A Gibb, and ship Lord Strathnairn.

The Telegraph of November 30th has the following:—

ARRIVALS—Shins Essex, (B), C Hodder, (port not mentioned), 20th August; and Cochin, (B), James Clark, Bombay 22nd Oct.

DEPARTURE—Steamer Asia.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS—November 28th, Meinam F S, —— Galle, and November 29th, Seafield, Jas Japp, London.

DEPARTURES—November 28th, Meinam F S, —— Calcutta, and Mooltan s s, —— Galle.

Passenger sailed per F S Meinam—For Calcutta—Mr Tagg.

THE INDIAN TRAVELLERS' GUIDE FOR DECEMBER.

PRICE—EIGHT ANNAS.

CONTAINING the latest alterations in the time of running of the Trains on the various Lines of Railway, the time tables of the Local Trains between Bombay and Bandora, on the B. B. and C. I. and G. I. P. Lines, Steamer time tables, in addition to a large amount of interesting and useful information to travellers.

The GUIDE, having a large circulation amongst travellers, by rail and otherwise, is a most effective medium for advertisements.

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Poona:—Messrs. Truscler & Co.
Alexandria:—Messrs. D. Robertson and
London:—Mr. G. Street, 30, Cornhill.

MR. A. MENIST, OCULIST OPTICIAN

(FROM AMSTERDAM AND LONDON.)

RESPECTFULLY announces his RETURN to Bombay, and desires to intimate that, owing to his numerous engagements, he will REMAIN for a SHORT TIME longer, and may be consulted at his Residence, FALLONJEE'S ADELPHI HOTEL. The numerous testimonials Mr. M. has received (which have duly appeared in the local papers) are a sufficient guarantee of the success with which he has treated the several cases of hitherto-neglected eye-sight; comments, therefore, on the superiority of his glasses over all others in the Presidency are unnecessary. For the guidance of those who are using pebbles, Mr. M. begs to state—firstly, that if the pebbles are cut against the grain they injure the eyes, and that such defects can only be discovered by Practical Opticians; secondly, if they are not polished on a scientific principle, they are equally injurious to the sight. Mr. M.'s pebbles will be found polished on a principle *peculiarly his own*, and they will be found specially adapted to the Indian climate. He has a large stock of the above unmounted for those who wish to avail themselves of this rare opportunity of possessing these really superb lenses. Ladies and gentlemen desiring Mr. M.'s attendance at their own residences will be good enough to give him one day's notice.

N. B.—Small Binoculars of great magnifying power, containing 12 lenses instead of six.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTHS.

AREY—December 4th, at the Clarendon Hotel, Byculla, the wife of Captain G. B. Arey, ship Duke of Newcastle, of a daughter.
KING—December 4th, at Middle Colaba, Mrs. R. L. King, of a son.
SMITH—December 3rd, at the Surat Railway Station, the wife of Mr. C. J. Smith, Assistant Station Master, of a son.

BENGAL.

DEATH.

WATSON—November 29th, at Calcutta, Lieutenant-Colonel William Claye Watson, of the Bengal Staff Corps, and formerly of the late 47th Bengal Native Infantry, in his 53rd year.

MADRAS.

BIRTH.

THOMSON—November 29th, at Madras, the wife of Mr. Archibald K. Thomson, Chief Accountant, Madras Railway Company, of a daughter.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.

MARRIAGE.

BEDFORD—GARDINER—November 27th, at All Saints' Church, Nagpore, by the Rev. J. Carruthers, Captain J. H. Bedford, Royal (Bombay) Engineers, to Eliza Piercy, second daughter of Captain John Gardiner, late of H. M.'s 5th Dragoon Guards.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTH.

BEADON—November 28th, at Kussowlie, the wife of Captain Cecil Beadon, Assistant Commissioner, of a son.

DEATH.

STALLARD—November 30th, at Allahabad, Ida Helen Augusta, only daughter of Lieutenant Colonel S. Stallard, Royal Artillery, aged 1 year and 4 months.

NOTICE.

All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittances sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."
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THE Governor-General, in the Budget debate, seemed to be very well pleased at what he called the cordial approval of his measures by the press. The statement is perfectly accurate if taken with proper limitations; but inaccurate if it be construed to mean all the measures of the Government. What the press approved was the manly determination of the Viceroy to lay bare the accumulating deficiencies, to put an end to the limbo of delusive surpluses, and to take the British public fully into confidence. That measure has been generally, and cordially, approved. But when we come to the measures adopted for the purpose of meeting and overcoming the deficit, then general approval ceases. Neither the enhanced salt-tax, nor the augmented income-tax, nor the wholesale reductions, all to be made at once, have received the general or cordial support of the community. It is one thing to applaud the frank confession and the resolve to be honest; it is another to sanction the means employed. The press has done the first, but not the second. Of course, we may assume that Lord Mayo only meant to say that the courage and candour of his Government has been received with acclamation; but even on that supposition we feel bound to draw the distinction which we have drawn; and further to point out that we do not approve the measures of reduction so far as many of them affect this Presidency.

So far as Bombay is concerned, the steps insisted on by the Government of India will certainly result, not in a saving, but a loss of rupees. The method of proceeding is not marked with wisdom, so much as the pure martinet spirit of centralization. When the Government of Bombay received instructions to reduce its expenditure, animated by the best intentions, and entering fully into the spirit of the Supreme Government's policy, our rulers proposed a plan, different from that which came from Simla, but a plan which, instead of saving a few lakhs on the year, would have saved nearly half as many again. Supposing that, from intimate and minute knowledge of the state of the public works they were better judges of those which could be postponed, or provided for in other ways, the Government of Bombay had the audacity to frame a scheme based on exact information not possessed by Colonel Strachey and his *alter ego* the Viceroy. Several weeks elasped, we believe; everything hung in suspense; but at length nothing would serve except naked obedience. To suggest a wiser and more economical method was sheer contumacy. To doubt the infallibility of the Bengal School was, as far as circumstances permit, a sort of high treason. Whatever happened, no matter what the saving might be to the public exchequer, the rupees must be saved on what is called the ordinary grant. No other plan could be admitted. Had the views of our rulers prevailed the saving on the year would have exceeded by several lakhs the amount which Colonel Strachey demanded. But that was frivolous compared with a strict adherence to the projects of the Supreme Government. They intimated, in the strongest language, short of an ukase, that Colonel Strachey must have his way. And this is what they call an economical policy!

He has had his way. And what is the result? The stoppage of every work throughout the presidency, except the mere conservancy of communications, provided for out of the ordinary grant. Spurred on by the head of the Public Works Department, enjoined, as he has publicly confessed, to spend up to the full amount of the grants, he was literally taken at his word, there now remain at the disposal of our Government, after the rule of thumb reductions ordered, only a sum sufficient to meet contingencies which, even the Supreme Government, knowing that there are Courts, cannot disregard. We suppose that contracts, for instance, must be fulfilled, even by the Public Works Department. But all other works have been stopped abruptly—we need not say with the prospect of great positive loss to the treasury. Extraordinary works go on. The baseless special land sales fund works are not to be arrested. It is the small fry—and not always small—which are sacrified to autocratic and centralized finance. Let us take two examples. A few thousand rupees would complete the Elphinstone College. A few thousand more would finish the Deolalee barracks. But what happens now? Labour is not only suspended, but labourers are scattered to the winds; the College, with its scaffolding lacking the busy tread of workmen, will remain unfinished for who knows how long! The barracks, just ready for the troops, are left perforce untenanted, practically, for the time, valueless to the State and the Army. Nor are these anything but mere specimens. All over the presidency there are works, on which labour has ceased, works certain to be ruined by delay. And how much does the public think would be required to save deterioration, and finish what has been begun? A vast sum—something less than six lakhs! That is an eloquent commentary on the autocratic mode of conducting the public business.

The public will see that the community is punished, first, because the laws of Colonel Strachey are regarded by him as similar in temper to the "laws of the Medes and Persians," and next, because the Government of Bombay, in its ardent zeal to forward the economical projects of the Supreme Government, ventured to show how that might be better done, and done with real gain, instead of real loss. The actual saving on the year would have been greater on the Bombay plan, and there would have been no loss to the treasury, no vexation to the community. But it seems that Colonel Strachey thinks exact obedience must be secured even at the expense of great waste. This is an excellent illustration of that genius of centralization now rampant at the head-quarters of the Supreme Government. The public are deeply interested in this question, and we think that it is the duty of the Supreme Government to place all the papers within reach of those who are to be mulcted in a two and a half per cent. Income-tax. After the publication of the Simla despatches there is no ground for reserve. Moreover, the Bombay Government has been assailed in the newspapers for contumacy, whereas it can be shown that they were more zealous economists that the Supreme Government.

WE hear that the fares of the P. & O. Company will be considerably reduced from next month.

OUR readers will be glad to know that four 18 ton guns, the destined armament of one of the Bombay "Monitors," arrived in our port at the close of last week. The first monitor, a very fine vessel, will be with us early in the new year.

WE hear from Kattiawar of the death, on the 28th November, of the Queen Dowager of Joonagghur, Migoo Beebee. Of what ailment this lady died we have not learned, but the death seems to have been sudden. We have been promised further particulars by our correspondent.

BY the appointment of Colonel C. Adams to the Brigade Staff of this presidency, the following promotions in the 49th Regiment, serving at Deesa, will probably take place:—Major F. W. Gostling to Lieutenant-Colonel, Local Major and Captain Astley to Major, Lieutenant G. Rogers to Captain, and Ensign M. Mayne to Lieutenant. All the above are officers of long standing in the service. Major Gostling and Major Astley have 21½ and 20½ years' service respectively, while Lieutenant Rogers has been 15 years, full pay. By this promotion the Chief Inspectorship of Musketry in this presidency will become vacant, as Major Astley cannot, we believe, hold the appointment as a substantive Major in the 49th Regiment.

BY a letter from a correspondent at Ahmednuggur, dated the 1st of December, we learn that heavy rain fell in the cantonments and districts around, the previous week, and also about the middle of November. The weather, which had been intensely cold for a short time, has since become unpleasantly warm for the time of year, and clouds were hanging about as if there would still be more rain. The state of the crops is reported to be very good. Jowaree and gram have much benefited by the late rain, but another fall would probably be rather injurious. Grass is abundant all over the country and cheaper than it has been for yeargs. The bajree has been slightly spoilt by the heavy rain which fell about the time when these crops were ready for cutting and in some parts lying on the ground. The price of all grain is however steadily decreasing.

SIR WILLIAM MANSFIELD was expected to arrive at Allahabad yesterday.

MR. FITZJAMES STEPHEN, the new Legal Member of the Government of India, has arrived by the mail steamer.

IT is not improbable, says a contemporary, that Sir Salar Jung will visit Calcutta during H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh's stay there.

WE observe a notification of the death at Calcutta, of Lieut.-Col. W. C. Watson, of the Bengal Staff Corps, and formerly of the late 47th Bengal N. I.

FROM the "Rangoon Gazette" it appears that in the gaol disturbance [illegible] perintendent were killed, and seven others wounded—one of the latter, the under-gaoler, very severely.

ACCORDING to the "Englishman" there is no foundation whatever for the report that £10,000 have been set apart for H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh's presents in India. The abandonment of the grand durbar at Agra, it is remarked, must make a material difference in the consideration of the question of the usual interchange of presents.

THE "Indian Daily News" tells us that the "Bengal Government has written to the authorities in Howrah, Malda, Jessore, Hooghly, and Burdwan Divisions, and other places, requesting them to send down, before the 8th instant, as many elephants as can be spared. They are wanted for the reception of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh." Wah, wah!

IT may be interesting to some of our readers to know that during the approaching festivities in honour of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, the Great Indian Railway Company will grant return tickets to visitors from the mofussil at the price for the double journey of a single ordinary fare and a half. This reduced rate is available at once, and will continue in force until the end of January.

SIR WILLIAM MANSFIELD has directed the submission of amended rolls for the India medal for services on the North West Frontier between 1849 and 1863. Officers, soldiers and others who are already in possession of the India medal of 1854 for service in Burmah or Persia, will only receive the additional clasp or clasps to which they may be entitled under this order. The rolls of the general staff concerned will be furnished by heads of departments; those of divisional and brigade staff of regiments and batteries of Artillery, by commanding officers; and those of the Ordnance, Commissariat, and Medical Departments, by their respective heads.

THERE was a "Scotch Dinner" in the Town Hall at Calcutta on St. Andrew's day. Mr. H. Sandeman presided, and Mr. R. Stewart was croupier. The principal guests were Sir Henry Durand, Sir R. Temple, General Norman, and the Military and Private Secretaries of the Governor General. The band of the Cameronians was present. About a hundred and fifty sat down to dinner. Sir H. Durand replied for the Army and again for the Guests, Sir R. Temple for the Civil Service, the Hon'ble Mr. Bullen Smith for the Merchants, Mr. Wyman for the Trades, Mr. N. Thomson for the Bench, and Mr. G. Evans for the Bar. The dinner went off well.

"A FEW days ago," says the "Madras Times" of the 30th ult., "it was universally reported and believed that a telegram had been received by Lord Napier announcing the appointment of Mr. Ellis to a seat in Council. Such a telegram may have been received by somebody, but up to yesterday neither the Government nor Mr. Ellis had any knowledge of its arrival; and the matter yet remains in doubt." But another Madras paper, confident apparently of the truth of the report, names Mr. Ellis's successor. "On Mr. Ellis's assuming his seat in Council, Mr. W. Hudleston will be appointed Chief Secretary to Government; and during that gentleman's absence in Europe, Mr. W. Robinson will act as Chief Secretary."

ACCIDENT TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL TURNER.

WE regret (says the Jubbulpore paper of December 1) to announce that Brigadier-General Sir W. W. Turner met with an accident on Saturday last, by which both the bones of one of his legs were broken It appears that at the *Hauk* on Saturday, the General mounted an elephant in order to direct the beaters, and that the elephant putting his foot into a hole near a nullah, stumbled, and, as might be expected, threw the General. It is said that the elephant trod on the General's leg, but whether such was really the case we cannot say. The accident is likely to keep the General *hors de combat* for some time.

RELIEFS OF TROOPS.

THE following alterations in the relief of British and Native Troops for 1869-70 have been ordered by the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces of India, under date 18th November:—

Royal Artillery.

A Brigade R. H. A. C Battery, from Lucknow to Meerut, on relief by C Battery F Brigade R. H. Artillery, by Cawnpoor direct.

F Brigade R. H. A.

B Battery, from Sealkote to Morar, on 20th October.
C Battery, from Morar to Lucknow, on 15th November, by Agra and Cawnpoor.
D Battery, from Rawul Pindee to Meerut, on 10th January 1870, halting at Meean Meer until breaking up of camp.

5th Brigade, R. A.

H Battery, from Agra to Meean Meer, on 1st December.

19th Brigade, R. A.

D Battery, from Mooltan to Meerut, on relief by C Battery 19th Brigade R. A., by Grand Trunk Road, Umballa and Jugadree, halting at Meean Meer until breaking up of camp.

British Cavalry.

5th Lancers, from Lucknow to Campbellpoor and Lawrencepoor, on 25th November, by Cawnpoor and Grand Trunk Road, halting at Meen Meer until breaking up of camp.

20th Hussars, from Campbellpoor and Lawrencepoor to Umballa, on 5th January 1870, by Grand Trunk Road, halting at Meean Meer until breaking up of camp.

21st Hussars, from Umballa to Lucknow, on 1st November, by Grand Trunk Road.

British Infantry.

2nd Bn. 1st Foot, from Nusseerabad and Neemuch to Jhansie, under orders from Bombay.

1st Bn. 17th Foot, from England to Allahabad (instead of Lucknow), via Nagpoor and Jubbulpoor.

79th Foot, from Roorkee and Dehli to Kamptee, on relief by Her Majesty's 103rd Foot; head quarters to march from Roorkee to Saharunpoor by route No. 564, thence by railway to Jubbulpoor, and thence by bullock train to Kamptee; left wing by rail from Delhi to Jubbulpoor, thence to destination by bullock train. The 79th Foot will leave their camp equipage at Saharunpoor and Delhi, to be made over to the 103rd Regiment on arrival.

93rd Foot, from Jhansie and Seepree to England, head quarters on 27th December. To march to Cawnpoor by route No. 152, thence by railway to Jubbulpoor, and onwards to Bombay by bullock train and railway, under divisional arrangements, so as to reach Jubbulpoor on the 18th January 1870. Seepree detachment to join the head quarters at Jhansie.

Bengal Cavalry.

2nd Regiment, from Deolee to Bareilly, on relief by 14th Bengal Cavalry, Jhansie detachment, on 24th December 1869, so as to rejoin the head quarters of the regiment at Agra on the 7th January 1870.

8th Regiment, from Segowlie to Meerut, on relief by 4th Bengal Cavalry, by Goruckpoor, Fyzabad, Sectapoor, Bareilly, and Moradabad.

14th Regiment, from Meerut to Deolee, on 15th November, by Agra and Bhurtpoor.

19th Regiment, from Peshawur to Mooltan, to proceed so as to reach Meean Meer on 1st February 1870, and halt there until breaking up of camp.

Bengal Infantry.

3rd Regiment, from Peshawur to Meerut, on relief by 36th Bengal Infantry, march to Meean Meer, thence by rail to Jullunder, march to Loodiana, thence by rail, halting at Meean Meer until breaking up of camp.

6th Regiment, from Julpigorie to Morar, on 8th December, by rail from Sahibgunge to Agra, thence march without halting at Agra.

8th Regiment, from Jhansie to Alipoor, on relief by 39th Bengal Infantry, march to Gawnpoor by route No. 152, thence by rail.

13th Regiment, from Jullunder to Barrackpoor, on 24th November, march to Loodiana, thence by rail direct to Barrackpoor.

22nd Regiment, from Morar to Fort William, on relief by 6th Bengal Infantry, by march to Agra, thence by rail without halting at Agra.

28th Regiment, from Peshawur to Ferozepoor, on relief by 15th Bengal Infantry, by Grand Trunk Road, halting at Meean Meer until breaking up of camp.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, 8TH NOV.

The Cotton Market to-day was quiet.

Fair Dhollera 9¼d.

The Syria, from Southampton, takes £31,000 in gold for Bombay.

The sum of £100,000 was paid into the Bank of England to-day.

LONDON, 9TH NOV.

In the Liverpool Cotton Market to-day there was a moderate enquiry.

Fair Dhollera 9d.

The Manchester Market is quiet, with but little enquiry.

7lbs. Shirtings	9s. 1½d.
8¼lbs Do.	10s. 6d.
40s Mule Twist	1s. 4d.

[The above telegrams are only interesting as curiosities. The mail which left London three days after them reached us before them.]

[BY TELEGRAPH TO ALEXANDRIA.]

ENGLAND.

LONDON, 18TH NOV.

King Leopold, Princess Marie Louise, and Princess Clotilde arrived at Windsor on the 16th inst.

FRANCE.

The Emperor Napoleon reviewed two regiments at Compiègne on the 14th. His Majesty was on horseback.

M. Henri Rochefort's candidature in the first circonscription is losing ground.

A manifesto has been issued through the majority of 27 members of the Left, including Gambetta, Banal, Jules Favre, and Picard, stating that the reforms demanded are—1st, the abolition of the conscription; 2nd-ly, that the right of declaring war be transferred to the national will; and 3rdly, that universal suffrage is the best means for attaining the reforms now called for.

Rumours of Ministerial changes are gaining ground. The appointment of M. Emile Olivier, as Minister of the Interior, is looked on as positive. It is also said that M. Forgade de la Roquette will resume his post as Minister of Agriculture and Commerce.

Baron Werther presented his credentials yesterday as Ambassador of the North German Confederation at the Court of the Tuileries.

The Emperor, in replying to the assurances of Baron Werther, that it was the intention of his Government to maintain and cement a perfect friendship between France and the Prussian Confederation, said that he, also, was desirous of maintaining a good underst

The streets are still sandheaps in which you sink over the ankles at every step, and the place is as unwholesome as ever; but some substantial-looking houses have been built, especially in the Place Lesseps—the square at the end of the avenue leading from the pier; a fine lighthouse, built entirely of concrete, has superseded the ricketty wooden building that did duty for it till lately, and, with its general meanness disguised by flags and paper lanterns and arches of painted canvas, the whole place had an air of picturesque liveliness quite inconsistent with its ordinary appearance. We walked about to see the shore, and on reaching the seashore, where a bank of sand, more than half a mile wide, extends along the shore and forms a frontage to the Mediterranean, we found some elegant pavilions standing in the midst of a salt-water marsh. The sea had flooded the sands the day before, and hundreds of labourers were now busily engaged in constructing an embankment, so that the great personages might be able to proceed dryshod next day to attend the religious ceremony with which the canal was to be inaugurated. There was not much else of interest to see till the evening, when the town and shipping were splendidly lighted up. The Viceroy gave a ball on board the Mahroussée, to which a few favoured guests were invited. Late in the evening a party of us rowed round the yacht and up the harbour, and the lights, the music, and the still water reminded one of a carnival at Venice, though it was only necessary to look to the shore to mark the contrast between the rude structures of Port Said and the marble palaces of the Queen of the Adriatic. Perhaps, however, the fishermen who first took refuge in the Venetian marshes, and founded the city which was destined to reach such a height of power and splendour, had at first as miserable habitations as can now be found at Port Said.

Tuesday, the 16th, was a day of salutes. At daybreak we were aroused by a broadside from the Prussian on our left, which was immediately replied to with equal vigour by the Swede on our right, and for hours we experienced some of the annoyances, without the terrors, of a bombardment. At the meeting of the Allied sovereigns in London in 1814 I suppose there may have been a similar expenditure of powder, but here it was concentrated in such a small space, that the effect must have been tenfold more deafening. The Crown Prince of Prussia was the first arrival, and received a royal salute from each man-of-war, and hearty cheers from the crews who manned the yards of the numerous Prussian ships in the harbour. About eight o'clock we descried the Aigle outside near the anchorage of the English ships. The French imperial yacht sailed right round our squadron, the whole fleet saluting her, and then steamed slowly on followed by a procession of steamers, including the Mas'r and the Delta, which had come from Alexandria during the night. The progress of the yacht was obscured by the smoke for some distance, but a light breeze springing up lifted it away, and the Aigle came again into view a few hundred yards from us, with the Empress and her ladies standing on the upper deck and gazing with admiration on the scene. The Khedive left his own yacht as the Aigle drew near, and rowed past her in his barge, proceeding some distance further to return at once the visit of the Crown Prince, who had been to the Mahroussée on his arrival. The Aigle meanwhile went on, and, as she passed close to our bow, the English on board—aided with right goodwill by the Americans, and especially by a big Californian, who had been lecturing us a minute or two before on our sins in refusing to settle the Alabama claims, and protesting that, while he loved and honoured England above all countries, we had behaved very badly in that business,—took the opportunity of giving her a specimen of a real British cheer. Her Majesty came forward and honoured us with a gracious salutation. She wore an unmistakeable black velvet pork-pie hat with a blue veil, and a long white cashmere shawl, which prevented us from seeing what dress she had on. By the time the Aigle had been moored in her berth the Khedive had come back, and he at once went on board and remained for ten minutes, during which interval we had rest from saluting. Nothing else of importance occurred during the morning, and at 2 o'clock we all went ashore for the grand ceremony of the day.

A roadway of planks had been constructed from the landing-place to the pavilions, and was lined along its whole length with Egyptian infantry. The field artillery were stationed far out on the sands, close to the seashore. The pavilions were three in number, one containing seats for the Khedive and the Imperial and Royal guests and their immediate attendants; another, an altar dressed according to the regulations of the Catholic Church; and the third, a pulpit for the Mussulman high priest. They were all built of wood, prettily carved, and adorned with tropical plants and flowers and the flags of all nations. All the masts at the four corners of each pavilion were surmounted with the gilt crescent, but in front of the Christian sanctuary was a shield bearing the cross of Jerusalem. The Moslem pulpit of course faced Eastwards, looking towards Mecca, and the grand pavilion for the visitors fronted both the others, so as to allow every one to choose impartially between Christianity and Islam. Englishmen are perhaps too ready to speak contemptuously of the French tendency to give a theatrical tone to all their public ceremonies. A thorough Protestant would scorn to take part in a prayer meeting conducted by the priests of religions which for centuries have been bitterly antagonistic to one another. He would refuse to believe that there could be any real devotional feeling in services performed by men who, if they were sincere, would be compelled to curse instead of blessing one another. But the French, whether out of policy or from a spirit of charity, have always acted on Mr. Bright's opinion, that good men everywhere are of the same religion. Napoleon, it will be remembered, tried to conciliate the Egyptians by declaring (what was no doubt perfectly true) that he was at heart as much a Mahommedan as a Christian; and the French of our own day, who have nearly realized his dream of making Egypt a French colony, treat with equal philosophy the claims of rival creeds. But, whatever might be our private opinions of the worth of the solemn act of reconciliation between the priest of Christianity and the disciples of "the false prophet," we could not but feel grateful to the Viceroy for giving us the opportunity of witnessing so unique and splendid a spectacle.

Before three o'clock, the hour fixed for the arrival of the Viceroy, the whole population of the town and the shipping was out on the sands, and had filled the enclosure round the pavilions, and even invaded the places held sacred for illustrious strangers. The first arrivals whose landing was saluted by the clash of barbaric music and the firing of guns were the heir apparent of Egypt, with the Princess of Holland on his arm. It is a walk of fully half a mile from the landing-place to the pavilions, and each new comer had to run the gauntlet through a double row of curious sight-seers. After an interval that seemed tedious to most persons in the crowd, who had come out rather to catch a glimpse of the French Empress than for any more serious purpose, another salute announced that the Viceroy and the representatives of the principal Continental States were on shore. The Empress took the arm of the Emperor of Austria, and the Khedive and Crown Prince of Prussia walked on either hand. The Grand Duke Michael of Russia and the young Prince of Holland accompanied them, and a brilliant staff of French, Prussian, Russian, Austrian, and Egyptian officers, all in uniform and decorations, followed in procession. There was much cheering all along the line for the Empress, and the Kaiser was also warmly welcomed, there being a good many Austrian subjects here. I heard a chance cheer raised for the Crown Prince, who stalked along with a half-contemptuous look on his face, appearing to be greatly bored with the whole business, and to wish himself somewhere else. His fine manly face and form were conspicuous above all the others. He was far the most kingly-looking man there; and, dressed in the handsome but not too gay uniform of the Prussian Guard, his figure presented a strange contrast to that of his new friend, the Emperor of Austria, whose natural weakness of expression is exaggerated by the great plume of green feathers and the dainty white uniform, that seems better fitted for the mimic contests of the stage than for real warfare. The Khedive looked stout and sleepy, and no doubt he was wearied out with the fatigues of the last few days. As for the Empress, one is wont to suppose that the eulogies lavished upon her are as a matter of course somewhat too highly coloured; but anyone who saw her on Tuesday must have been hard to please if he was not delighted with her womanly grace and beauty. Her Majesty was very simply attired in a lavender silk walking dress with a wide kerchief—*not* a ruffle—of white point lace round her neck. She wore a black hat, not very high, with a black feather, a black spotted veil hanging down over her face, and a black lace fall at the back. It was noticed that she had no jewellery on, not even a pair of earrings, except a locket tied round the neck by a bit of black ribbon. The platform, by the time the Empress had arrived, was crowded with distinguished men from all nations of Europe, America, and the East. I will only attempt to mention a few names. First, of course, comes that of M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, the real hero of the day's proceedings. M. de Lesseps is sixty-four years of age, but he looks a hale stalwart man. Every one is by this time familiar with his portrait, and the photographs I have seen do justice to his handsome face, though they cannot express the singularly engaging manner which has materially aided him in gaining converts to his faith in the Suez Canal, and in carrying out successfully a project that twenty years ago was spoken of only to be laughed at. The English Ambassador and Mrs. Elliot, the Admiral (Sir A. Milne) and Lady Milne, Colonel Stanton (the English Consul-General), the Vice-consul, and several military officers who had come out on their own account, were all present in uniform. But, with the exception of the Admiral, hardly any officers of our fleet were to be seen, and complaints are made that no one took the trouble to send word to the squadron of what would be done on shore, or to intimate to them that they would be expected to take part in a full-dress ceremonial. I do not know whose business it is to look after such matters; but it strikes one that, if the Admiralty sent a fleet here, it was the duty of our consular authorities in Egypt to see that the navy was properly represented on all public occasions here. The Ambassador is very amiable and obliging, and Colonel Stanton has, I know, in several instances gone out of the way to help some of our countrymen who had not received invitations to see all that is going on; but somehow the British have cut a very contemptible figure throughout. In attendance on the Emperor of Austria was M. Von Beust. All the consulates were of course fully represented; and an American gentleman with us took care to point out Governor Banks as the most remarkable of his countrymen present. The priests mustered in great force—Greeks, Armenians, Roman Catholics, and Mahomedans—and it was a pleasure to see them all looking charitable and good tempered, instead of scowling at one another from opposite pulpits.

The Empress took a chair in the middle of the raised platform, the Khedive sitting on her right with the Princess of Holland next to him, and the Emperor of Austria and the Crown Prince on her left. Then, silence having been obtained, all eyes were turned to the Mussulman pavilion, where a venerable priest with a flowing white beard was seen (for he could not be heard in the large Kiosque) reading a prayer to Allah to bestow a blessing on the multitude assembled there and on the enterprise they had come to dedicate to the service of mankind. This part of the ceremony was very brief, but the scene was a striking and instructive one, and a historical painter in search of a subject for a picture might do worse than select that of the Moslem priest praying Heaven to bless and protect the Christian sovereigns of Europe. The Mussulman having concluded, the Archbishop of Jerusalem, in full robes, ascended the steps of the high altar in the Christian Kiosque, and with the attending priests said mass. This over, the Archbishop retired, and a handsome priest, clothed in purple, whom we afterwards discovered to be Monsignor Bauer, the Empress's confessor, came forward, and, standing a few steps below the altar, proceeded to deliver an eloquent discourse, or *éloge*, on the Suez Canal, M. de Lesseps, the Viceroy, the Empress, and all the illustrious visitors present. Master of a fine voice, and skilled to use the fluent and graceful rhetoric of the French pulpit, the orator made a very felicitous speech, composed necessarily for the most part of commonplaces, and it is only a pity he had not a more enthusiastic audience; but most of them were so much taken up with staring at the great people on the platform that they had no time to attend to anything else. Monsignor Bauer first described the nature of the work just finished in Egypt—a work derided but a short time ago as impossible, and now (pointing to it) "magnifique, grandiose, achevé." Then there followed a good deal about the advantages of commerce, and a repetition of the familiar sentiment that the canal, which the orator of course spoke of as the greatest thing that had been done since Columbus discovered America—would convey not only wealth but ideas and intelligence from the splendid East to the marvellous West, and from the marvellous West back again to the splendid East. M. de Lesseps (the mention of whose name elicited the only cheer, and that a feeble one, that broke the uniformity of the discourse) was deservedly praised for his energy and perseverance, and described as one who had written upon the sand a name which nevertheless would endure for ever. The Viceroy received much commendation for having encouraged M. de Lesseps in face of many difficulties; and further the orator, speaking in the name of Christianity, thanked His Highness (whom he styled Monseigneur) for the benevolent protection extended by him to all classes of Christians in his dominions. The Empress was next addressed, and complimented on representing the goodwill of France and Europe towards humanity in general. The Emperor of Austria was congratulated on his sagacity in coming to witness the marriage of the Adriatic with the Indian Ocean. The special compliment paid to the Crown Prince escaped me; but I heard every word of an eloquent peroration, in which Monsignor Bauer called upon Providence to bestow its benediction on all nations, and to allow the blessings of prosperity, peace, and civilization to flow continually from the West to the East and from the East to the West, to the advancement of the welfare of the human race. This speech concluded the ceremonies of the day, though I think most of us would have been better pleased if M. de Lesseps himself had said a few words. But perhaps he acts more prudently in waiting till the passage of the canal by big ships has been completed. In the midst of all these fêtes one is apt to forget that the canal is still on its trial.

The Empress and the others all went away as soon as the *éloge* had been pronounced, and there was much cheering for them on their way back to the landing-place. No doubt, they were most of them glad of a rest; but the Khedive was bound to go on to Ismailia to prepare for the reception of his guests there, and he started at 5 o'clock in the evening in a small steam barge, it being now decided that his own yacht is too long (400 feet) to run the risk of going through. The Latif, one of the Viceroy's steamers, drawing about ten feet of water, also went up, but a terrible rumour reached us late in the evening that she had run aground and stuck hard and fast near Kantara, just beyond the other end of Lake Menzaleh. The rumour did us good in one way, by driving away from us a number of guests who had proposed taking up their quarters in our ship, on finding when they reached Port Said how well we were treated. But a few days' residence in Egypt has convinced us that the safest course is to believe nothing one hears, and we stayed on tranquilly, hoping that we should still make the passage in the Fazoum. There was a fine display of fireworks in the evening, and the town and shipping were again illuminated. The French have had the happy idea of erecting two fine obelisks, one on either bank, to mark the opening of the canal, and, as the illuminations were principally at that end of the port, we could almost fancy that we were anchored in some port of old Egypt instead of a roadstead that is the creation of yesterday.

Wednesday morning, the eventful day so long looked forward to, broke bright and clear, with a pleasant fresh breeze blowing; and we were all on deck at an early hour, hoping to go forward among the first vessels. The Aigle, with the French Empress on board, started punctually at 8 o'clock, and was followed in regular order by the ships mentioned in the following list, none of which, it should be noted, draw more than 13 feet of water:—

1. Aigle, French Imperial yacht.
2. Graef, Austrian Imperial yacht.
3. Russian frigate, with the Crown Prince onboarrd.
4. Swedish yacht, with Prince Oscar of Sweden on board.
5. Russian war ship, with Grand Duke Michael on board.
6. Russian Admiral's ship.
7. Dutch gunboat, with Prince and Princess of Orange.
8. Psyche, English despatch boat, with the Ambassador from Constantinople.
9. Swedish vessel.
10. Péluse, one of the Messageries Imperiales steamers.
11. Rapid, English gunboat.
12. Another Messageries steamer.
13. Vulcan, Austrian war ship.
14. Forbin, French gunboat.
15. Another Frenchman.
16. Tug steamer, conveying.
17. Cambria, English yacht, with her owner, Mr. Ashbury, on board.
18. Dido, one of the English telegraph steamers.
19. English steam yacht.
20. Tonareg, a Swede.
21. The Newport, Royal Navy surveying ship.
22. Thabor (of the Messageries Imperiales service).
23. Pluto, Austrian Lloyd's steamer.
24. Hawk, English steamer, carrying to Suez the shore end of the British Indian Telegraph.
25. Russian merchant ship.
26. Europe (Messageries Imperiales).
27. Lynx, English steamer.
28. Principe Tomaso (Società Adriatico Orientale), Italian.
29. Principe Oddone (Società Adriatico Orientale), Italian.
30. Principe Amadeo, Italian steamer.
31. Austrian steamer.
32. Scilla, Italian frigate.
33. America, Austrian Lloyd's.
34. Chabin, Egyptian Government steamer.
35. Fazoum, ditto.

I cannot yet give the names of the ships that followed us, but hope to complete the list before closing this letter. You will observe that these are all steamers of considerable size and tonnage, and, if they go right through to Suez, no doubt it will be said that the success of the canal has been triumphantly established. But every ship in the procession has been specially unloaded to enable them to make the voyage in safety, and the result of the experiment of the opening day can by no means enable us to come to the conclusion that the canal is yet suited for navigation by large merchant steamers. Our own experience in the Fazoum of the capabilities of the canal was not wholly satisfactory. We started at two o'clock in the afternoon, having passed the morning pleasantly enough in watching one ship after another leave her berth and take her place in the line. We could, with the aid of a good glass, watch their progress for several miles along that portion of the canal which passes through Lake Menzaleh, and our hopes of getting to Ismailia before nightfall rose as we saw that the procession maintained an unbroken and orderly movement, steaming slowly up the canal at a steady pace without hindrance or interruption, as it came for us to get ready, and we were soon in the canal, not sorry to leave Port Said behind us. We went on at a good rate of speed, some times as much as six or seven knots an hour, though the slow progress of the ship immediately preceding the Fazoum compelled us now and then to slacken speed. Nothing untoward happened to delay our voyage till after we had passed Kantara, the half way station to Ismailia. The channel was clearly marked out, and the course so straight that it seemed as if a child might steer the ship. Nevertheless, we came upon the Laiif aground near Kantara, and, after passing that place, while a number of us were chatting on the paddle-box, we saw the bow of the steamer suddenly turned in to the left bank, and in another minute were brought up suddenly with a severe shock that nearly threw us all over. Whoever knows the habits of the Egyptians will readily imagine what an outcry was immediately raised by the officers and crew; but what is less easily accounted for, many of the passengers behaved very foolishly, shouting and talking till it became almost impossible for the captain to make the helmsman understand his orders. A boat which was able to tow the right bank of the canal to assist in pulling the ship's head round; the engines were reversed and we steamed hard astern, and after about half an hour's delay we were off again. But, as we had by this time reached the narrow part of the canal, where it is only about 180 feet across, or not much more than the full length of our ship, we ran great risk of getting the stern of the steamer ashore on the opposite bank; and it was only after two or three attempts that we finally succeeded in resuming our voyage. After this we went on more carefully, but every now and then we felt the peculiar motion caused by a ship bumping along through soft mud or sand.—The canal widens as it passes through Lake Ballah, but afterwards contracts again towards the station of El Ferdané, where for the first time the banks on either hand are composed not merely of the soil dredged out of the bed of the canal, but of high slopes of sand through which a cutting has been made to near the opening of Lake Timsah. This is one of the most unsatisfactory portions of the whole work. The banks rise at one point to the height of 54 feet, and it is evident at a glance that the dredging has not been nearly completed, though the dredges had all been removed. Banks of sand are visible here and there outside the staked limits of the channel, and all along the shore there are signs that the sand has been falling in, partly through the action of the wind, partly through the passage of men and animals along the narrow towing-path. In places the high banks are perfectly honeycombed near the surface of the water. In this long strait—which, to make matters worse, terminates in a very awkward curve at El Guisr—we came close up to the ship before us, and received orders to anchor fore and aft, as only the leading vessels of the procession had yet passed through into Lake Timsah. This was about 9 o'clock in the evening, and in the light of the full moon we could, if the way had been clear, have gone on as quickly as in the daylight. But the traffic was too great for the resources of the canal, and so we were condemned to remain stationary from Wednesday night till Thursday morning, with ships in front and behind us, and the rockets from Ismailia, thrown up to celebrate the arrival of the Empress of the French, tantalizing us in the distance. It was very provoking; but after all we have not come here to see fireworks, but to learn whether the canal will serve the purpose for which it has been made; and what better practical illustration could we have wished for of the difficulties that still beset the enterprise than was afforded by this miserable ending to the glorious promise of the opening day? An English engineer on board took soundings after we had anchored, and found the depth of water to be 25 feet. He had previously taken soundings about two miles from the entrance in Lake Menzaleh, and at that point there were only 21 feet 4 inches. After we had stopped it was ascertained that one of our paddle-wheels had been greatly damaged, and we were said to have been churning up the mud alongside all the way. But it seems fairer to ascribe the injury done to the paddle to the work done in getting the steamer off when she ran aground. Our experience, however, up to this point (and it must be remembered that the section of the canal from Port Said to Ismailia has long been open, and is far further advanced than that from Ismailia to Suez) certainly warrants these conclusions:—

That paddle-wheel steamers cannot be used for the navigation. When we were going fast (say 6 miles an hour) the wash from our steamer raised a wave nearly three feet high, and, if a paddle ship touch ever so slightly, the paddles are likely to be damaged in getting her off the sloping banks of the canal below the surface of the water,

The canal is suited, therefore, only for screw steamers, and of all the steamers which made the passage on the opening day not one was loaded or drew more than 13 feet of water. They were in reality pleasure-boats, and proofs are still needed that great steamers carrying merchandise and drawing about 20 feet can proceed even as far as Ismailia. Even for passengers, though the novelty of the journey may make a first voyage attractive, the transit will usually be extremely tedious and uninteresting.

If the depth of water be sufficient for large merchant ships, the narrowness of the canal at some parts renders it very improbable that the navigation can be kept up regularly for any length of time. If one of the 34 ships in front of us had stuck near El Guisr, there would have been no room to pass her, and the navigation might have been stopped for days or even for weeks.

The practicability of a ship canal between the two seas has been established, but such a canal as is needed to be the highway for the interchange of commerce between the East and the West has not yet been made. It can only be constructed by very costly excavation and dredging; for, now the waters of the Red Sea and the Mediterranean have been flowing in for several months, the level cannot be further raised by letting in a supply of water from any source.

The questions, then, still left unsolved are these: Can money be found to make the canal really practicable for mercantile steamers? And, if not, will our merchants trust their goods to a way of communication so precarious that it might be closed at any moment by an accident to a single ship? Further, if the merchants are willing to send their goods, can our shipowners build ships of sufficient carrying capacity to convey them profitably, and at the same time of light enough draught and handy enough in length and width to convey them surely through the canal?

If these latter questions can be answered in the affirmative, there remains no doubt as to the success of the canal. If, however, mercantile men declare that a few more millions must be spent in widening and dredging the channel from Port Said to Suez, can they also tell whence the money is to come from to complete the work? Will the nations of Europe, after exhausting the commonplaces of all languages in mutual felicitations, give a substantial proof of their sincerity by levying a fresh tax on themselves to open a direct highway for ships through the Isthmus of Suez? If not, it may be doubted whether the patience of French and Egyptian shareholders has not been already exhausted.

After lying all night near El Guisr, our captain received instructions early this morning to weigh anchor and go on to Ismailia. The morning is always the pleasantest time in the land of Egypt, and we were a tolerably cheerful company on board as we steamed on past the bend in the canal, rounded the cape on which the Viceroy's chalet stands, where the Prince of Wales stayed when he visited the canal, and entered the long-desired haven of Lake Timsah. Any one who has experienced the agreeable sensation of coming out of the stifling atmosphere of a railway tunnel into the fresh pure air will understand the sort of relief we felt on emerging from the canal and getting elbow-room for our ship in the open sparkling waters of the lake. Port Said is such an out-of-the-way place, so shut off from communication except by sea with all the rest of the world, that it would have been a dismal fate to stay there for many days. But at Ismailia one feels that he has again touched the outskirts of civilization. The town is a wholesome pretty-looking place, situated on a gentle slope on the shore of the lake as it bends round to the right of the voyager arriving from Port Said. The fresh water canal here flows round in front of the town on a curve nearly parallel to the line of the shore, and issues into the lake below the Viceroy's chalet. Ismailia is the favourite residence of M. de Lesseps and the chief officers of the Canal Company, and it contains a few imposing buildings—such as the Governor's palace and the hotel, and the new railway station, besides some charming villas with gardens that are always kept fresh and gay with flowers. Down the Victoria Avenue to the landing-place, and along the line of the fresh water canal some trees have been planted, and the sight of a little vegetation relieves the eye wearied with the monotony of gazing for twelve hours on nothing but banks of sand. The lake is circular in form and surrounded by low sand-hills, except where the town lies, and there is ample room for a large fleet of merchantmen to lie here. It is a far better port than the confined roadstead of Port Said. We sailed in, took up our berth near the pier, and dropped anchor exactly at 10 o'clock, having thus taken altogether eighteen hours on the voyage. Every ship in the harbour and all the public buildings were gay with flags, a handsome triumphal arch spanned the road just beyond the pier, swarms of people were moving busily about along the roads and among the white tents that covered all the slopes from the shore to the fresh water canal, and all looked so bright and joyous that one might almost imagine the Canal Company had fulfilled all its promises to Egypt and mankind, so many pleasant impressions thronged upon the mind that one felt a little ashamed of having any doubts about the matter. About a dozen ships came in on Thursday after we arrived, and the Delta and larger steamers did not get in till this morning. Several of the ships stuck on the road, but all were got off again without damage.

I subjoin a list of the soundings taken for Mr. Pender on board the Hawk, which draws some thirteen feet of water, and is engaged in trying the canal to see whether the shore end of the Indian cable can be sent out this way.

Nov. 17 *and* 18.—Soundings taken on Board S. S Hawk from Port Said to Lake Timsah, Suez Canal

Port side.	Starboard side.	
Feet.	Feet.	
25½	16½	(Entrance.)
25½	16½	
28½	16½	
27	16½	
28	27	
29½	26½	
25½	25	
27	25	
27	28	
28	26	
25	29	
24	28½	
25	26	
24	28	
24	28	
24	23½	
27	22½	
27	24	
29	23½	
28	22½	From Entrance to Kantara.
27½	21½	
29	24	
29	22	
26	21	
26	23	
26	21	
27	23	
27	27	
28	28½	
28	28	
29½	29½	
25	26½	
25	29	
27	27	
26	26	
29	29	
27	27	
25	25	
26	26	Abreast of Kantara.
24½	25	
30	30	
25	25	
29	29	
26½	26	
24	24	
14	25	From Kantara to Lake Timsah.
13	23	
12	25	
24	26	
20	20	
18	18	

* Too close to bank.

Lake Timsah varying from 19 to 23 feet.

These soundings are, you will see, eminently favourable as regards the depth of the canal except just at the entrance to the canal, and they are substantially confirmed by the soundings taken on board H. M. S. Newport. They do not, however, obviate in any way the objections taken to the narrowness of the canal, though they show that a good depth of water has been obtained in mid-channel.

The rumours we had heard on board that there would be another grand ceremony, possibly religious, yesterday afternoon, were happily unfounded. We landed just in time to see the great personages come ashore from their respective steamers in which they had stayed all night, and go off in carriages and fours with the Khedive to his new palace, which has been run up here not quite so quickly as Alladdin's, but is, we are informed, the work of only three months, from foundation stone to roof. The *cortége* passed along the avenue from the pier under a handsome triumphal arch inscribed with the initials I. K. (Ismael Khedive,) honour being done here to the Pasha rather than to the Empress, because Ismailia may be regarded as a French town lying within the Pasha's dominions, and owes everything to His Highness's good will. The road was lined with infantry as far as the fresh water canal, the esplanade of sand on the right, between the canal and the lake, being dotted with white tents and groups of Arabs and Bedouins armed with all sorts of weapons, and mounted on camels and horses, which they never allowed to rest for a moment, but incessantly urged to a gallop backwards and forwards over the plain. From the drawbridge across the canal the guarding of the road was taken up by the regular cavalry, one regiment of lancers mounted on white Arabs and another carrying long carbines on bays. They appeared excellently horsed, but their arms are not of the newest model. Passing over the drawbridge, the carriages turned to the right along the Quai Mehemet Ali, a wide boulevard, with the private residences of the principal people on one side, a double roadway, two rows of trees planted down it, and the fresh water canal bounding it on the side towards the lake. Here is the pretty villa which M. de Lesseps has built for his private use, the residence of MMs. Borel and Lavallay, the contractors, the house of the Egyptian Governor of Ismailia, and the Viceroy's palace. Sand is everywhere, but not in such uniform abundance and monotony as at Port Said. The fresh water obtained from the Nile fertilizes the soil, but is too precious to be used except in choice gardens and public places, and it was a pleasure to see something natural and fresh in colour to vary the artificial (though always artistic) preparations made to celebrate the festivities with fitting splendour. The boundary wall of M. de Lesseps's house was covered with creepers, and every building was bright with flowers. The best public gardens in the town are those in the Place Champolion and at the water-works, where the supply of water is pumped for Port Said, and the former was especially gay yesterday with evergreen arches and brilliant parterres.

The Empress descended at M. de Lesseps's, but while a number of people were waiting there at one door in hopes of being received by her, she went quietly out by a side entrance, mounted a camel, and rode off along the Quai, past the soldiers' camp. She was not long away, but getting down at the palace, she entered a pony chaise, with the Emperor of Austria by her side, and was driven along the principal streets. The Empress wore an enormous straw hat with a long veil, and was dressed as simply as possible. She drove up the main street, inhabited mainly by Austrian subjects, and now named the Avenue François Joseph. The shopkeepers had testified their loyalty to the Emperor and King by erecting a triumphal arch at its special [illegible] and [illegible] it [illegible] with flags. [illegible] the Empress [illegible] the Emperor [illegible] the Viceroy

entrusted to Mr. John Collett, the late local manager of the Kurrachee branch of the Punjab Bank.—*Ibid.*

We hear that a telegraphic intimation was sent to Captain Hampton the other day, by the Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab, desiring him to postpone, for a few days, his departure from Sukkur, on the three months' leave he obtained not long ago. It is presumed that this request has some connection with the reduction of expenditure which Government wish to effect in the Flotilla.—*Ibid.*

It may not be generally known, that the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Company will now take goods from Southampton to Kurrachee at one charge. By this means no detention takes place in Bombay, but every parcel addressed to Kurrachee is transferred from the mail steamer, on her arrival in Bombay harbour, to the Kurrachee steamer, and thus reaches Kurrachee at the same time that the mails arrive.—*Our Paper*, Nov. 30.

Reductions.—We learn, by private letters from Bombay, that Government has telegraphed to the Poona authorities to stop all description of work in progress of execution by the Public Works Department, and confine the labours of that department to the repairing of roads, &c. What will become of the fine buildings which are now in course of erection? If they are left, in an unfinished state, exposed to the vicissitudes of climate, Government will "gain a loss" by the measure. Temporary establishments are also to be done away with. It is impossible to describe the suffering which this part of the order will bring to many poor families, who will thus be left utterly unprovided for, and hopelessly destitute, owing to the present commercial stagnation. There are already hundreds of persons out of employment, and this order will add greatly to their number.—*Deccan Herald*, Dec. 3. [The *Poona Observer* says the stoppage of the public works at that station will throw thousands of poor labourers out of employ.]

Another distinguished visitor has reached Calcutta in the person of Jell Lall Shah, son of His Highness Aga Khan, the well-known Persian Chief who has so long resided in Bombay. The object of the Mirza is of course to take part in the coming festivities.—*Englishman*, Dec. 1.

The 55 Years Order.—We are informed that Government have called upon the Accountant General to furnish them with a list of all military officers holding civil appointments, who will have attained their 55th year on the 1st January next. This seems as if the order in question is to have a wider effect than was originally anticipated.—*Madras Athenæum*, Nov. 29.

The following telegram was received from the Military Secretary to the Government of India regarding the staff to be appointed to the Deolalee depot:—"As a temporary measure a staff on the same scale as that at Kurrachee is sanctioned for Deolalee for the ensuing season; the officers may be nominated at once."—*Sind News*, Nov. 29.

The following letter has been received from the Government of India with reference to an increase in the Quarter Master General's Department:—"With reference to Government letter, No. 1683 dated 19th April 1869, recommending that for the reasons now urged, the appointment of the additional Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, temporarily sanctioned in connection with the overland transport service and the Deolalee rest house, may be made permanent, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor, that as already stated in the letter from this office the Government of India considers it undesirable to add to the establishment of the Quarter Master General of Bombay, but that the emergency during the embarkation season might be met by the Assistant Quarter Master General at Belgaum being required to assist at Army Head Quarters, Bombay, his duties of supervising the Barrack Department being taken up by the Brigade Major of the station, where there is but one British regiment, 2nd Battalion of Artillery, and the usual detail of native infantry."—*Ibid.*

DAVE CARSON'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The Theatre was well filled on Saturday night and a really pleasing entertainment was given. Dave's perennial jocosity—his jokativeness, as the Baboo would call it,—was as fresh as ever, and his Minstrels supported him well. The first part of the programme in fact would be a good entertainment by itself. Mr. Carson sings sweetly and has the charm of a pleasing manner. Her father's performances on the violin are also well worth listening to. There is a common disposition on the part of violinists to make their playing an exhibition chiefly of manual dexterity in the use of the instrument. Mons. Semeladis, we think illustrates this in some measure, and his ability as a violinist is patent to any one; but we imagine that a little less *fantaisie* (it is good in moderation) and rather more simple airs would heighten the pleasure of most audiences. The performances on Saturday concluded with the farce of "The Captain's not a Miss," and every one present must have been delighted with it. The parts were all creditably done, and anything more amusing than Mr. Richardson's performance we have not seen in the way of acting in Bombay. One great merit of the ladies is that they can all sing a song when needed, and their acting is easy, sprightly, and tasteful. Miss Deering was especially happy in her part on Saturday.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S LEVEE.

Appended is a list of the gentlemen who attended the levee held by H. E. the Commander-in-Chief, in Bombay, last Friday:—

Hon. Munguldass Nuthoobhoy, Hon. A. H. Campbell; Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy; Messrs. Rustomjee Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Manockjee Cursetjee Manockjee Cowasjee Cursetjee Manockjee Mummoohundass Davidass, Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Venayckrow Juggonnathjee Sunkersett, Bhan Dajee, Dosabhoy Framjee, Vinayck Wassoodew; Brigadier-General Stock; Colonels W. F. Hatch, R.A., Thacker, Beale, G. A. Lockie, Ballard, Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel G. Unedale Price, Penn, R. A., Williams, R. A., Annesley, Lester, Whittaker, John A. Fuller, R. E., James Campbell, Ross, 2nd Queen's, Morse, R. A.; Commodore G. T. Robinson, I. N.; Lieut. Col. Carnegy; Majors Milford, D. B. Young Warden, Hodgson, Weir, 2nd Regiment, L. Davies Cephalus, W. B. Preston, 22nd N. I., T. F. Dowden, R. E., Flood, 2nd Queen's, C. de St. Croix' Sexton, 95th Regiment, Edward Stuart, the Royal Regiment, Hibbert, Lyons, Marine Battalion, Edwards, Deputy A.Q.M.G., Pryce, Master Attendant, Hancock, R. E., W. A. Baker, R. E.; Lieutenants Beale, Mackie, Queen's R., Dr. Wright, Inspector General; Surgeon Major J. Mills, 21st N. I.; Assistant Surgeon A. R. Cowell, 22nd N. I.; Dr. Veale; Staff Surgeon John W. Hulseberg; Dr. Ward, Deputy Inspector General; Messrs. A. C. Gumpert, James Taylor, Andrew Hay, John Hector, C. J. S. Cahill, M. B., John Becke, M. B., H. W. Barnett, R. A., W. Wilford, R. A., G. W. Sawyer, 8th Foot, R. I. Hezlet, R. A., W. de Winton Van, 49th Regiment, E. A. Hughes, J. T. Moir, H. J. Stock, Marine Battalion, T. E. Taylor, Geo A. Kittredge, Consul for the United States of America, Charles Edward Fox, C. Trestrail, W. Wedderburn, T. H. Dickenson, William Lamb, Walter C. Butler, E. H. Revival, John Rannadaine, A. Reid, Bombay Civil Service, Henry C. Foss, Deputy Inspector General; Revs. W. Maule, Wilson; Dr. Violuttee.

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

KURRACHEE, 29TH NOVEMBER.

Most of our local notabilities are migrating into the districts, and the station will soon be quite dull. Sir William and Lady Merewether, John Moore, Esq., and Lieutenant-Colonel Widdicombe have already left us, and now Major-General Sir George Malcolm, Colonel and Mrs. E. A. Bacon, and Lieutenant Percy Heath, A. D. C., are preparing to proceed to Jacobabad. They will start for Kotree to-morrow morning, and embark thence for Sukkur, where Colonel Phayre, Commandant-in-Chief Frontier Field Force, has been kind enough, I am told, to make every arrangement for the speedy conveyance of the party to his district. The departure from the station of Mrs. Bacon—although it will be but for a brief period—will be felt by many especially by the children of the Sunday School, by by whom she is warmly loved, and the women belonging to the European troops located here, several of whom have received repeated proofs of her kindness of heart and benevolent disposition ever since her arrival in Sind. As a member of society there are few ladies who are held in greater regard or esteem. Her husband—the Colonel—is not so well appreciated by the public as he deserves to be, but those who have the good fortune of being personally acquainted with him know that a generous nature, a considerate delicacy sympathy for misfortune, and a kindly disposition are his distinguishing characteristics, as his conduct in more than one case lately abundantly testifies.

Lord Mayo is fast falling in the estimation of our local politicians. Everybody knows that before all the advantages we enjoy as regards climate and geographical position can be availed of, it is requisite that our harbour should be so improved as to admit the entrance of vessels of the largest size, and this can never be effected until such time as the projected works are completed. It is therefore a matter of general regret that these works have been suddenly stopped, after they had been contracted for and commenced, and with every prospect of being carried out with increased diligence and vigour by the contractors, who have gone to enormous preliminary expense in the purchase of vast quantities of plant and materials of all kinds. The low state of the national funds is the alleged cause for the suspension of this great and important work. Strange as it may appear, it was only the other day that the whole of the Harbour Works Department were removed to Manora so that the groyne might be proceeded with with the utmost alacrity, and contracts of different kinds were made so that no time should be lost in pushing on everything. And now, suddenly, and without any warning note, all has been brought to a stand-still after skilled labour and much of the necessary material had been brought from England, and every arrangement made for the vigorous prosecution of the different portions of the proposed improvements. This has naturally brought some of the contracting parties to the verge of ruin, and unless they can make good their claim to substantial compensation, they must necessarily be hopelessly involved. When public faith and credit are thus ruthlessly risked and broken, it is not surprising that the victims who relied upon their plighted honour should be injured and reduced to beggary. But I much mistake the character of some of these hard-headed practical business men if they do not take measures that will secure themselves from inevitable loss; if they do not at once prosecute Government for substantial damages, and thus recover some portion at least of the money they have almost hopelessly sunk. The plea of empty state coffers should not suffice for such unfair conduct on the part of the public authorities, and although it be the people's money that will be thus sacrificed, restitution must be made for the palpable wrongs suffered by private individuals.

The medical authorities are fairly at their wit's end as to what steps to adopt to diminish the number of admissions into the hospital of the 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers. Half the regiment is laid up with fever, and the greater portion of the remainder are out at Ghizree for change of air. The *Sindian*, which, under it present management, is considered an authority on military matters here, says that so recently as Saturday last, at what is termed the commanding officer's parade, the officers were as numerous as the men, and that there were but twelve or thirteen files who answered their names. On Sunday, it is added, the strength of the regiment as represented at church did not exceed thirty men; and, further, that so numerically weak is the corps at the present moment, that it is only able to find men for its own regimental guards—the garrison duties being performed by the Royal Artillery and the 2nd Beloochees. Under these circumstances, therefore, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief would only be acting wisely were he to order the instant removal of the corps from Sind. Few perhaps are aware that the 21st Fusiliers is composed chiefly of young recruits possessing weakly constitutions, and who were pronounced unfit for service in India before the battalion left home!

Advices from Upper Sind state that some of the petty chiefs in the Khan of Khelat's territories have been sowing the seeds of disaffection among his people, some of whom, it is said, have recently been guilty of acts which nothing can justify; and that ere long His Highness will be compelled to seek our assistance to restore peace and order in his country. What truth there is in these statements I cannot at present say; but this much I know as a matter of fact, that the present Political Superintendent on the Frontier, Colonel Phayre, is an officer second to none in point of ability and tact, and that he will be found equal to any emergency that may arise. It is true that no man was more abused during the Abyssinian campaign than Colonel Phayre; but all that was then said against him was the pitiful invention of defeated rivals, and your correspondent is now in a position to state that there is not an officer in the service who stands higher in the estimation of Government, and in proof of this it is only necessary to state that Colonel Phayre has just been entrusted by Lord Mayo with a piece of work which, if successfully carried out by him, will result in the permanent maintenance of peace and security on the Punjaub and Sind Frontier, and in the promotion of good-will and amity among the different bellicose tribes residing in those parts.

THE ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—As the liquidation of the Albert Life Assurance Company is a subject which interests a great many of your readers, I send you a copy of a letter received from Messrs. Halse, Trustram, and Co., of London, solicitors to the Bombay committee, and request that you will be so good as to give publicity to it.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. SUMMERS,
Honorary Secretary Albert Committee.

4th December 1869.

61, Cheapside, E. C., 29th October 1869.

Sir,—Since our last letter to Mr. Hurrell, Mr. Price, one of the provisional liquidators, and Mr. Young of the firm of Coleman, Turquand, & Co., have been appointed official liquidators of this company, and we have taken the necessary means for obtaining leave to attend the proceedings on behalf of your committee.

Mr. Young was nominated in the interests of the London and Scottish committee of policy-holders who believe, though not the whole, are desirous of giving effect to the proposal made by the Alliance Insurance Company to work out the Albert policies on such a reduction of the sums insured as are equivalent to the Albert assets; which, by adopting safe investments and effecting a considerable saving in the cost of management and agent's commission, it is estimated would not be more than an average reduction of 10 per cent. on the sums assured, instead of 25 per cent., as was proposed by the scheme of reconstruction put forth by the provisional liquidators.

Whether a sufficient proportion of the policy-holders will concur in adopting this plan there has not yet been any means of ascertaining, but unless they adopt this or some other plan, the assets will of course be realized in the liquidation and distributed to the creditors as collected.

Having regard to our own personal interest in the matter, we consider the Alliance plan, which is in fact a deferred liquidation, preferable to an immediate winding up, but until authorized by you to do so we shall of course offer no opinion on the subject as representing your interests.

With regard to payment of premiums pending the negotiations that are in progress, we think the policyholders would be well advised to pay in accordance with the Vice-Chancellor's order, which will entitle them to receive back, intact, the sums they so pay in the event of no arrangement for continuing the business being made. Each policy-holder will thus prevent any question arising as regards his right to rank as a creditor against the estate, and will keep himself in a position to have the option of continuing the insurance if an advantageous scheme shall be found practicable; should such not be the case, full reliance may be placed on the return of the premiums so paid by the officers of the court.

We will take care not to lose sight of the various important questions that must necessarily arise to the liability of policy-holders in the event of which the policies were originally granted, which will most unquestionably be thoroughly ventilated by the various persons interested.

The advertisements for the claims of creditors will be forthwith inserted in the Indian papers, and we presume most of the policy-holders will forward particulars of their claims through your committee. It will be desirable in each case to state the date and number of the policy, the company with whom the insurance was originally effected, and any intermediate amalgamations that may have been previously to the Albert Office taking the risk, also the amount of annual premiums and total number of premiums paid, with particulars of the names and addresses of the persons to whom the policis were granted, and of any assignments (if any), also the name and residence of the life insured, and we would suggest, to save trouble, a printed form being prepared containing such particulars.

Until the claims are sent in we cannot say whether an affidavit in support of each will be requisite, but probably the chief clerk will lay down some general principle on which the claims are to be estimated, which will reduce them to a mere question of calculation unless there should be facts in dispute.

The further instructions of your committee shall have our best attention, and we shall be very glad to reply to any enquiries they may from time to time favour us by transmitting.—We are, yours obediently,

HALSE, TRUSTRAM & Co.

G. A. Summers, Esq.,
Bombay.

THE PARSEE PRIEST LIBEL CASE.

Sir,—I observe from a local paragraph in your paper of this morning that a petition has been got up and is being signed by certain Parsees, to be presented to Government, praying for mitigation of the punishment awarded to Jamsetjee Madun for libelling a Parsee priest.

May I be allowed to state, for your information and that of the public, that all respectable Parsees refrain from sympathising with Jamsetjee Madun, and have to my knowledge refused to attach their names to a document which will be a lasting monument of the lack of moral courage and public opinion in that community. The protracted enquiry which has taken place amply testify to the fact that there is not a single redeeming feature in the man's base guilt; that every opportunity was however afforded him to make an honourable *amende*, but he persistently refused to do so, believing that he would succeed in "blackening" the face of the priest. In order to attain his object, he did not scruple to suborn witnesses; and even when he was found guilty by a verdict of twelve "good and true" men, he prevailed upon the learned serjeant-at-law, who defended him, to apply for a mitigation of punishment. The Court, always merciful, and thinking probably that there might still be some circumstance which might be urged in favour of mitigations, granted leave to make the application. But when the time arrived, his counsel said that he would be needlessly encumbering the files of the Court were his client to make any affidavit in order to have his punishment mitigated. Mr. Justice Westropp, reputed to be a lenient judge in criminal cases, sentenced the convict to nine months' simple imprisonment and a fine of two thousand rupees, with the alternative of six months' further confinement. The conviction and punishment have met with the entire approval of all respectable Parsees, and any attempt made by the lower classes of that people will only receive that consideration which the merits of the case will deserve at the hands of Government.

Dec. 4. J. P.

LAHORE.

29th November.—A horrible incident occurred here yesterday in the zoological collection at the Lawrence Memorial Garden. There were four bears in a pit, and one of them, the largest, suddenly fell upon the smallest, a half-grown animal, whom after a short struggle it disabled, and then, frightful to relate, proceeded to tear its unfortunate victim's intestines out, licking up the blood and devouring all it could pull away. Whether from extremity of starvation, or some other cause, the large bear appeared excited to a terrible pitch of ferocity: it never ceased in its attack till its hopeless little comrade was deprived of life as well as of most of its inside. The native keepers were unable to do anything in the way of rescure or separation, but the officer in charge of the Memorial came down directly he was informed of the event, and dispensed summary justice on the large bear by shooting him.—*Pioneer.*

PROSPECTS OF THE SEASON, N.-W. PROVINCES.

Allahabad, the 26th November.

From R. Simson, Esq., Secretary to the Government, North-Western Provinces, to E. C. Bayley, Esq. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter dated 12th instant, the Hon'ble the Lieutenant-Governor has pleasure in reporting a continued, though very gradual, improvement in the markets of the North-Western Provinces.

In the week ending 6th November, the average price of wheat was seers 9-15 5/7 per rupee; in the following week it had fallen to seers 10-0¾; and in that ending 20th November, still further to seers 10-1¾.

In Meerut there has been a progressive rise during the past month: but its prices are still below the average. There is no steady improvement in Ajmere as yet. The markets are now well stocked with the autumnal corps. In the week ending 20th November the average price of bajra was above 17 seers and of jowa above 20 per rupee.

RATHER SENSATIONAL.

"We have heard," says the *Bombay Catholic Examiner*, "of the narrow escape one of the learned Professors of the Grant Medical College had lately from being murdered by a madman. About a year ago or more, this surgeon had prescribed the application of a blister on the back of the neck, to a man who complained of pains in the eyes, but who, he saw, was rather suffering from insanity than opthalmia. A few days ago, on returning to his bungalow, the surgeon found his former patient waiting in the verandah, and kindly accosted him with an enquiry about his eyes. Immediately the man became excited and said—'Ha! you are the man who put that blister on me, that has been burning me night and day ever since. I'll tell you what it is: I came here to-day resolved on taking your life. But I have found out that you are a married man, and for your wife's sake I spare you this time. But, mark me: I'll take the earliest opportunity of revenging myself upon you.' The man had a large stone concealed under the breast of his coat. Of course, the Commissioner of Police was soon communicated with, and the poor madman was before long lodged in the Colaba asylum."

THE UNEMPLOYED.

(*Bombay Guardian.*)

A contemporary publishes a letter from a Mr. Dunn Strangers' Home, who seems to imagine that our remarks about 'vagrants' are intended for himself, and who is apparently as much irritated as cheered by the announcement that a House of Industry is to be opened in Bombay. We were thinking not of him and his fellow-lodgers, but of the very numerous applicants for relief, Europeans and Eurasians, that present themselves daily at our door. We never knew more of this class in Bombay than there are at present. The House of Industry or Industrial Yard is, we believe, to be opened in the walled enclosure contiguous to the House of Correction. It is a matter of some surprise to us that some industrial system has never been organized at the Strangers' Home. Surely, with a little painstaking and outlay, *some* means of providing the 60 or 80 inmates of that excellent institution, with indoor employment could have been contrived. Many of them have been there long enough to learn a trade, and others there are competent to teach trades. Should not the committee take this matter in hand? It is —for many, at least—both wearying and demoralizing to be sitting all day on one's cot, or loitering from cot to cot.

INDIAN ITEMS.

The Turkish Ambassador to Bokhara reached Peshawur on the 23rd instant.—*Mofussilite*, Nov. 30.

We are in a position to positively state that Sir Donald Macleod retains office as Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab till May next. This His Honor does at the special request of Lord Mayo.—*Ibid.*

Sirdar Salar Mahomed Khan, a Caubul refugee, who received a monthly allowance of Rs. 1,000 from the Indian Government, died at Loodiana on the 17th, leaving a large family, who are to receive Rs. 500 per mensem.—*Ibid.*

A case was recently decided in the Small Cause Court, in which the Judge disallowed the amount expended by the occupant of a house on repairs. In many instances tenants have made repairs to houses, and as a matter of course deducted the amount from the rent. It will be seen from the case to which we refer that this is not allowable, and we think the decision of the Judge just enough.—*Bangalore Herald*, Nov. 30.

The foundation stone of All Saint's Church was laid on Saturday afternoon. Although the weather was wet and drizzly, a goodly number were present to witness the proceedings. Dr. Murphy, the Reverend Mr. Pettigrew, and the Reverend Mr. Deane, took part in the service, and the stone was laid by Colonel Miller. The ceremony concluded with a prayer, and the singing of the National Anthem. The silver trowel was presented to Colonel Miller by Mr. Pettigrew.—*Ibid.*

It is rather premature to speculate on who will succeed General Haines in the command of the Mysore Division next year. Brigadier Fenwick, now in Burmah, and formerly Colonel of the 2-10th, is mentioned, but we have good reason to believe from home information that Colonel Pattle of the 1st Dragoon Guards, formerly at this station, will be the lucky man. The Mysore Division is one of the best in India. A fine climate, proximity to Madras, little to do, and very enjoyable society makes up the sum total, and we have no doubt that there will be lots of candidates in the field. At the same time, nothing is more likely than that Colonel Pattle will put in an appearance as General Haines' successor.—*Ibid.*

If all that we hear is correct, the shears of retrenchment are being used in Mysore with unusual vigour. Sometime ago we mentioned that it was contemplated to adopt a re-distribution of taluqs. We now learn that still more sweeping changes are to be carried out. Twenty taluqs are to be absorbed, one of the three divisions is to be pitched overboard, and two deputy superintendentships are to follow suit. This looks something like business, and Lord Mayo we have no doubt will record his thorough appreciation of the measures adopted by Mr. Bowring. What the unfortunate victims will say is of course quite another thing altogether, and there is just a chance that the new idea is being carried a little too far. However that remains to be seen.—*Ibid.*

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